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COMMENT OF THE DAY

An Autumn Election?

FOR the most part the repeated suggestions by Labour MPs that Sir Winston Churchill will dissolve Parliament before the end of this year and call for a General Election represent political kite-flying. Nothing that has taken place in the House of Commons during past months substantiates the notion in any way, and while the ill-health of a number of senior Ministers has demanded a reshuffle of Cabinet posts, this can hardly be regarded as a sign that Sir Winston is considering an early appeal to the country. Nevertheless, the possibility of a General Election in the late autumn cannot be wholly discounted. The Conservative Government has undoubtedly done well during the past twelve months in laying the foundation for Britain's economic and financial recovery. The rescue operation has been splendidly carried out; what is now required is its consolidation. And the question which arises is whether the Government, with its present slender majority, can confidently tackle an all-out programme of radical reform which is now demanded. The point has been well made by one commentator that politicians cannot fulfil their proper job properly while they are confronted with the heavy physical strain which an evenly divided House of Commons imposes on them. It is that strain which has reflected itself on the health of Sir Winston Churchill, Mr Anthony Eden, Mr MacMillan and Mr Duncan Sandys.

THE period of political deadlock in the House of Commons—or of what differs from deadlock only by a degree or two—has now lasted for nearly three and a half years. And there is decided risk that the country will become so used to it that it will become the general assumption that nothing much can ever be accomplished under the British parliamentary system. Yet, if there ever was a country that needed a Government capable of taking decisions it is Britain, with her precariously balanced position in the world. The Conservatives have guided Britain through 21 difficult months, gaining for her a new prestige in international affairs and going a long way towards making her solvent. Yet much new and important legislation is required if the nation's domestic future is to be stabilised. Moreover it would be legislation of a controversial type, because it would involve taxation reforms and other measures affecting the daily lives of the people. But to carry out any such programme with the present flimsy majority in the House of Commons would not be easy for the Government. A real working majority is the pressing need of the Tories, and if, in the autumn, the Prime Minister thinks an election would give the desired result, it will be his duty to advise a dissolution before the unpredictable march of events removes the opportunity.

THE BERLIN

250 Missing In Floods

Teheran, Aug. 4. Two hundred and fifty people are missing in floods which swept the Caspian village of Roudbar earlier this week, according to reports reaching here today.

This represents half of the population of the village, estimated at about 500.

Only the village Mosque and one house were reported still standing. Roudbar is near Resht, Caspian town on the delta of the river Saffid Rud.—Reuter.

Return Of Gibraltar Campaign

Madrid, Aug. 4.

A violent press and radio campaign for the return of Gibraltar to Spain which began on Sunday reached its climax today—observed here as "Gibraltar Day"—in an interview with General Franco published by Arriba, the Falangist Party newspaper.

In this General Franco declared that Britain retained Gibraltar "against all rights." The present campaign was believed to have been accentuated by the fact that the eastern end of the Mediterranean—the Suez Canal—is now under discussion. These talks are thought to have increased General Franco's desire for prestige reasons to keep the Gibraltar issue in the open.

Asked by Arriba whether the question of Gibraltar was creating hostility in Spain towards Britain, General Franco answered: "Yes, this is evident, and the worst of it is that when Britain realises the harm done and wants to rectify it, it may be very late." The effect of constant press and radio propaganda over the last few years calling for the return of Gibraltar to Spain is becoming noticeable especially among the younger generation.—Reuter.

LONDON COMMENT

London, Aug. 4. London diplomatic quarters said today that a Spanish-American defence agreement, due to be signed soon, under which Spain will grant the United States air and naval bases, was expected to intensify General Franco's campaign for Britain to pull out of Gibraltar.

Conclusion of the agreement would probably bring Spain's armies closer to Gibraltar if the West has other bases on the Iberian Peninsula, diplomatic quarters said.

Asked to comment on General Franco's latest statement the Foreign Office merely said: "Britain's point of view is well known"—meaning Britain believes she is there by right and intends to stay.—Reuter.

Typhoon Heads For Japan

Tokyo, Aug. 5.

Typhoon No. 6, said to be of a small scale, was expected to approach Kii Peninsula in Wakayama prefecture late tonight; it continues to take a northward course.

The Central meteorological observatory said at 5.30 hours today that the typhoon might blow itself out before it reaches the Japanese mainland.

The observatory placed the storm at the centre at 300 hours today at a point some 500 kilometres south of Tokyo.—Reuter.

BERLIN

Reds Raid Distribution Centres WOMEN BATTLE WITH POLICE

Berlin, Aug. 4.

Six thousand Communist demonstrators today tried to storm two West Berlin free food distribution centres and were broken up by police, wielding truncheons, and water hoses.

West Berlin police said the demonstrations were organised from East Berlin and that most of the 75 demonstrators detained, including seven women, were from the Soviet sector.

The demonstrators clashed with thousands of East Berliners queuing for American-German food parcels whom they tried to beat up.

With the clashes came two other developments in the food for East Germans campaign:

(1) The United States High Commissioner, Dr James Conant, told his Soviet opposite number, Mr Vladimir Semenov, that he would receive any proposals for the use of funds on deposit in the United States in the name of the East German Bank to buy food for the people of East Germany.

(2) The West German Government announced that it was planning a second free food parcel operation for East Germans.

Most of the attacks in the first Communist demonstration today, in the Kreuzberg district of the American sector, were young men.

But wild-eyed, angry women among the demonstrators were the loudest. Shouting Communist slogans, they hurled themselves bodily at the police, hair and skirts flying.

About 60 demonstrators jumped on one policeman who had fallen. But seven other policemen ran to his rescue and he got away with cuts and bruises.

In the French sector district of Wedding, scene of the second demonstration, police were already mobilised and broke up the Communists with their truncheons and jets of water before they could reach the queuing East Berliners.

By early afternoon 54,000 East Berliners had collected food parcels at West Berlin centres and the day's total was again expected to reach 100,000.

"STOLEN GOODS"

Several West Berliners who collected food in East Berlin turned it over at West Berlin centres later, saying they were bringing back "stolen goods" according to West Berlin officials.

The United States High Commissioner's note on East German dollar funds was delivered at Soviet headquarters here today.

Dr Conant referred to a suggestion that funds on deposit in the United States in the name of the Notenbank (East German Bank of Issue) be used for the purchase of food for Eastern Germany.

"My Government is genuinely concerned for the welfare of the people of Eastern Germany and is anxious to do everything feasible to assist in alleviating the suffering in that area," his letter said.

"I will be pleased therefore to receive any proposals you may wish to make to utilise the funds of the Notenbank for the purchase of food in the United States for the people of Eastern Germany."

"You may be assured that any such proposals which contain adequate safeguards to assure that the food purchased is devoted to that purpose will be forwarded promptly to my government with recommendations that such authorisation as may be appropriate be given."

The East Berlin food centre, operating within sight of the West sector border yesterday, was moved today to a square out of sight of curious West Berliners.

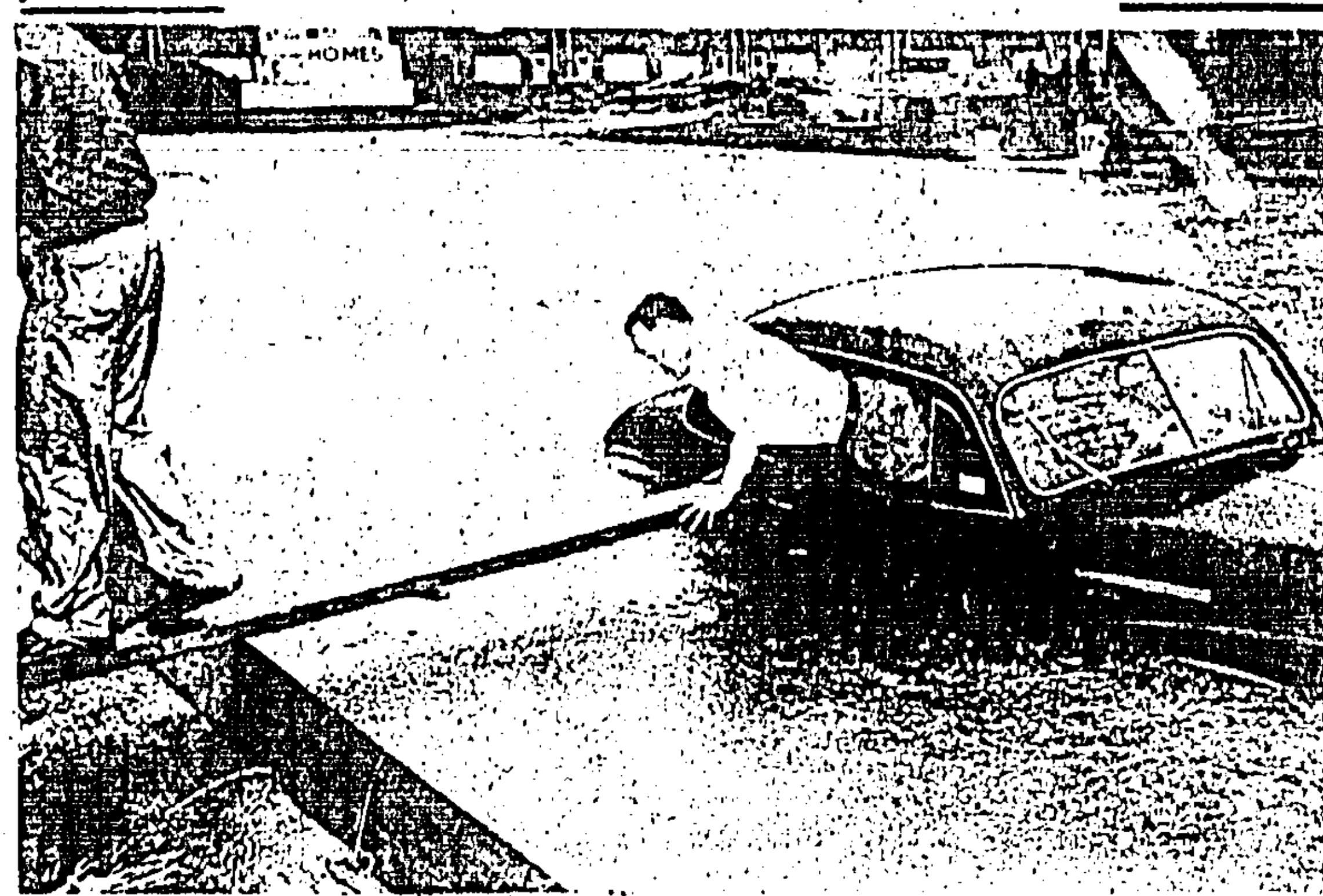
Two thousand West Berliners were said to be waiting for the start of the distribution. The East German news agency said 2,000 West Berliners called at the centre yesterday and 2,000 more waited for distribution to begin today.

Reporters who called at the centre at one o'clock this afternoon saw about 200 people queuing. Loudspeakers broadcast.

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FOOD WAR

Rainstorm Floods N. York Suburbs



POW Exchange Begins

UN Headquarters Aug. 5.

Promptly at one minute past midnight GMT (9.01 a.m., HKT) today operation "Big Switch" the exchange of Korean prisoners of war began.

Tato Village near Pannumjon rolled three Soviet-made jeeps carrying Turkish troops—the first Allied prisoners to be handed over.

They yelled and waved happily to the waiting United Nations troops.

Among the Allied soldiers repatriated was Major John Duffat of Richmond, California, who said he had been a prisoner for 30 months.

Some British soldiers were with Major Duffat in a Communist camp. Their names were not immediately available.

The first 400 Allied prisoners of war to leave Communist prison camps drove through the Korea ceasefire line this morning to the warmest welcome that the powerful United Nations forces could give them.

They were delivered promptly on time, some smiling and cheering, some so weak and pale they could hardly walk.

The Allied organisation swung immediately into action. Men were given food, drinks and letters from home—that some read with tears welling in their eyes.

SENT TO HOSPITAL

Within the first hour of the repatriation operation, sick and wounded were being rushed by smooth-flying helicopters to the Allied hospital in Seoul.

This morning the Allies also began to deliver Chinese and North Korean prisoners of war to the Communists.

As they drove north they made noisy demonstrations, standing up in their lorries and waving clenched fists towards Communist territory.

Some of the Chinese tore their uniforms, presumably wanting to make themselves look wretched when they reached Communist territory.

In retaliation, one convoy of South Koreans heading South burst into defiant songs of their own. But most of the Allies were quiet, especially the South Koreans who appeared to be too weak to sing.—Reuter.

RUSSIA AGREES

Moscow, Aug. 6.

Russia has agreed to discuss the German question at the meeting of the four Foreign Ministers in a reply delivered today to the invitation of the three Western Foreign Ministers last month.—Reuter.

SHARK SIGHTED

The naval authorities this morning reported that a 7-ft shark was sighted at 6.45 p.m. yesterday in Junk Bay.

British Troops Visit Ismailia

Cairo, Aug. 4.

British troops on passes entered tense Ismailia in the Suez Canal Zone today for the first time since July 12 and found Egyptian picket lines outside European shops.

There were no incidents, British military headquarters said.

The pickets, stationed in protest against British occupation of the Canal Zone, made no move to hinder the passage of British soldiers. The pickets appeared following a speech here on Sunday by Major Salah Salem, Egyptian Minister of National Guidance, who called on the townspeople to "watch traitors in your ranks."

He suggested that Ismailia residents should blacklist those collaborating with the British.

A British request for "shopping visits" for British troops was turned down by the Governor of Ismailia, Ali Afifi, who said they were unnecessary.

The British military authorities, in replying Ismailia to British nationals for the first time since the disappearance of an airman, A. V. Rigden, took measures to lessen the likelihood of any further incidents.—United Press.

TICKLISH INSURANCE PROBLEM

Chicago, Aug. 4.

The United States Supreme Court may have to decide whether the fighting which had halted in Korea was a legal war in terms of private insurance contracts.

Commerce Clearing House, a private firm which reports to its clients on tax and business law developments, today said conflicting rulings had been given by lower courts.

Directly concerned in a final decision were widows, orphans and parents of soldier, sailor and marine casualties, who had policies that did not provide for full payment if death occurred in military service in time of war.

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court had approved a lower court finding that the fighting in Korea was not war. The court thus confirmed a mother's claim for double indemnity.

The court commented that the United States had participated in 150 punitive police actions which had not been declared war.

But the California Federal Court held that the United States actually was at war in Korea, in denying an insurance claim, the court said the fighting had the sanction of Congress through appropriations.—Reuter.

"Nuisance" Strikes

Paris, Aug. 4.

A series of "nuisance" strikes hit Paris today in protest against the special powers recently voted to Premier Joseph Laniel by Parliament.

A union spokesman said: "The strike is to protest against the plan to extend the retiring age for municipal workers which the Government is considering."

The strikers, busmen, postmen, undertakers and municipal workers, from Communist and non-Communist unions, stopped work for a short time today.

Hundreds of busmen were left uncollected, postmen made only one delivery of letters in some parts of the city and undertakers turned up for work an hour late—but no funerals were delayed.—Reuter.

Knowland To Lead Senate

FILLS VACANCY LEFT BY TAFT

Washington, Aug. 4. Republican Senators today elected Mr William Knowland as the Senate Majority Leader to succeed Senator Robert Taft, who died last week.

Senator Homer Ferguson of Michigan was elected to the Chairmanship of the Senate Republican Policy Committee to succeed Senator Knowland.

Thirty-nine of the 48 Republican Senators gave their approval of the new leaders, whose choice had been generally expected, at a closed door conference.

Senator Knowland is 45. He is sometimes called the "Senator from Formosa" because of his brilliant support of General Chiang Kai-shek and Nationalist China.

He was a violent critic of the Truman administration's China policy, and last month reaffirmed his belief that Communist China should not be admitted to the United Nations.

Political observers believe that the Senator is aiming for the Presidency, possibly in 1960, when he will be only 52.

He is a confirmed Conservative Republican of the Taft school and more interested in Pacific than European affairs.

FANATICAL DISLIKE He has an almost fanatical dislike for Communism.

In a broadcast last month Senator Knowland said he hoped the Western powers would not agree to a Big Four conference with Russia until agreement was reached on unifying Korea.

He is the son of Joseph R. Knowland, publisher of the Oakland Tribune, one of California's major newspapers.

When only 22 he was elected a member of the state legislature, and after only one term was elected to the state Senate.

After serving the last war he became the youngest United States Senator, when one of California's famous political figures, Hiram Johnson, Liberal Governor of the early 1900's, died.

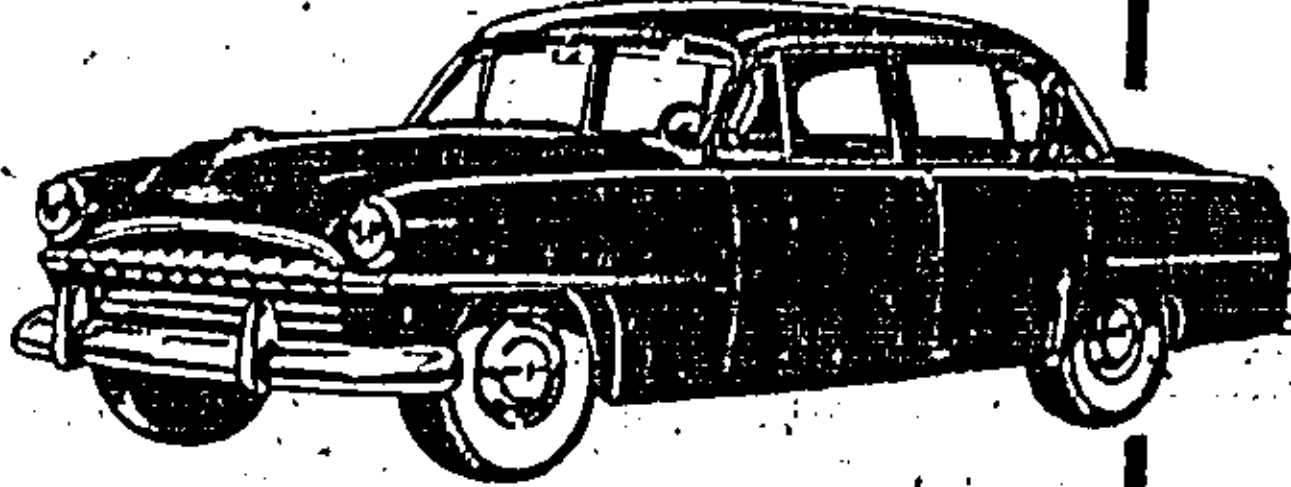
Senator Knowland was immediately admitted to the circle of influential Republicans in Washington and specialised in Pacific foreign affairs.—Reuter.

Bear Hunt Near Famous Cave

Orloron, France, Aug. 5.

A large bear killed at least three calves and injured three cows near the Pierre St Martin pothole in the Pyrenees, underground Everest of French cave explorers.

A bear hunt was immediately organised as the explorers continued to plunge down the pothole.—France-Press.



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Egyptian Govt's £22 Million Claim

Cairo, Aug. 4.

The Egyptian Government is claiming Egyptian £22,100,000 in damages from Fard Seng El Din, millionaire former Wardist Minister of the Interior and Finance Minister, and seven other people accused of rigging the Alexandria cotton futures market between 1950 and 1952.

The other seven accused include Madame Zelnab El Wakil, wife of a former Prime Minister Wardist leader, Mustafa El

Nahas, and two leading cotton exporters.

The Ward Party was in power until the king dismissed the Cabinet headed by Mustafa El Nahas in January 1952 after mobs burned and pillaged parts of Cairo.

The Government's demand for damages is the result of a report by its Purgé Commission.

The third graft case against leading personalities in the old regime opened last month before the Cairo "Graft Court."

Charges include corruption, misappropriation of funds and influencing the former Government.

The Court's judgments are of a political and not a criminal nature.

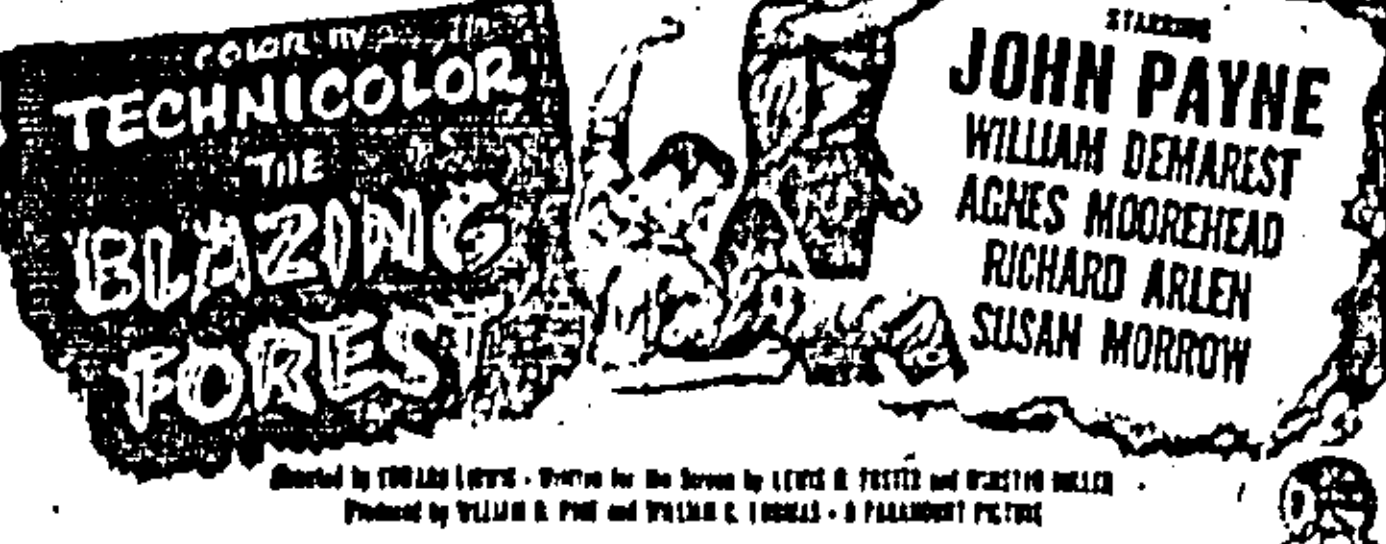
There is no appeal against the rulings of the Court which was set up by General Mohamed Naguib's Government to judge members of the old Palace and Ward regime against whom allegations had been made.—Reuter.

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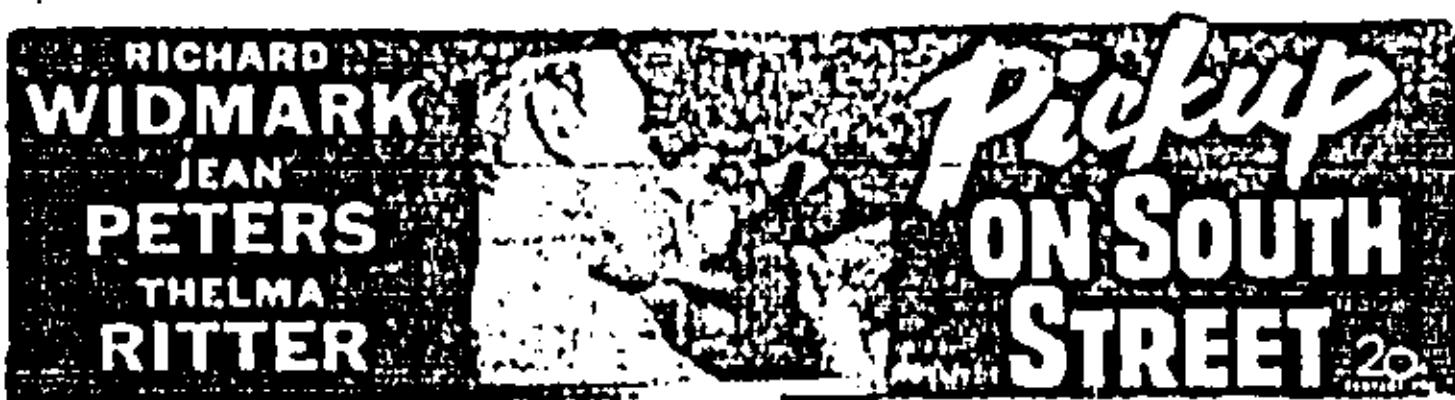
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Dulles Mission To Korea

London Views On Agreement

London, Aug. 4. An authoritative British source said today that a political conference on the Far East would be made "impossibly difficult" if the Dulles-Rhee talks produce any sort of undercover agreement on the future of Korea.

"Mr Dulles' journey to Korea at this time is not one which commands itself over here," the authority said.

"It is not that we suspect Mr Dulles of ulterior motives or that we suspect Mr Rhee. But it would be most unfortunate if it was made to appear there was any sort of Dulles-Rhee agreement before a political conference takes place. It could make the conference 'impossibly difficult'."

With about 14 days more to go before the United Nations Assembly starts talking about winding up the Korean episode, the source said, it was time that Britain and the United States had "some common and concrete ideas" on the question.

"As things stand, the Assembly looks like it is being presented with contradictory ideas which could lead to a general discussion in which the Assembly could lose itself for weeks—and the political conference scheduled for a date not later than November 15," the source said.

The Assembly would look for the main guidance from Britain and America because Russia had no need yet to elect a definite line, the source said, adding: "The apparent contradictions which might come up at the Assembly could put a whole row of triumphs into Moscow's hand at the political conference. One of the most serious contradictions at the Assembly could be the suggestion that there had been any sort of preconceived agreement on the future of Korea to gratify Mr Rhee."—United Press.

U.S. Diplomat Retires

Washington, Aug. 4. Mr Edwin Stanton, 52, first American Ambassador to Thailand and a career diplomat for 32 years, retired today.

Mr Stanton, a native of Bouckville, New York, entered the United States Foreign Service in 1921 at the age of 20 as a student interpreter in China. He advanced through the Foreign Service until in 1946 he achieved the rank of Career Minister, the highest in the professional service.

In that same year, Mr Stanton was appointed United States Minister to Siam and in 1947, when the level of representation was raised, became the first United States Ambassador to Siam.—Reuter.

Warning To Congress

Washington, Aug. 4. Although the Republican-dominated 83rd Congress adjourned last night and officially the next and second session should be held in January, Congressmen were on notice that a special session might be necessary by about October to consider raising the national debt limit from \$275,000 million to \$300,000 million.

In the 212 days of the first session 10,530 bills and resolutions of all kinds were introduced but only a little more than 1,000 of them were passed.—Reuter.

Freedom Of Hythe

London, Aug. 4. The Mayor of Hythe, Mrs L. E. Farmer, presented the freedom of the borough to the small arms wing of the School of Infantry, which is celebrating its centenary.—China Mail Special.



OPENS SATURDAY — QUEEN'S PRINCESS EMPIRE

EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF AUSTRIAN CABINET DISCUSSES RED NOTES

Vienna, Aug. 4.

The Austrian Cabinet today asked the Chief Political Committee of the Nationalrat (lower house of Parliament) to draft a reply to the Soviet Government to its note of July 29 suggesting the Austrian treaty question could be settled if Austria renounced the Western-backed "abbreviated treaty."

The Cabinet met in extraordinary session today to discuss the Soviet note and a second one announcing that the Soviet authorities would themselves pay from August 1 the costs of maintaining their forces in Austria.

The Chief Political Committee is composed of the chairmen of all parties and the President of the Nationalrat together with members elected in proportion to the number of seats each party has in the lower house.

The Committee is to deal with the reply of an extraordinary meeting on August 10.

A communiqué on today's Cabinet meeting said the Soviet note was of such importance that the Chief Political Committee must have a chance to discuss it.

The Cabinet further decided to publish the Austrian memorandum of June 12 which was erroneously referred to in the Soviet note of July 29 as the "memorandum of June 30."

Today's communiqué said that on June 12 the Government endorsed the Austrian Ambassador in Moscow, Herr Norbert Blöchl, to inform the Soviet Foreign Minister of the following facts:

COULD BE DONE
The Austrian Government thought that the Soviet proposal to settle the state treaty problem by diplomatic negotiations was possible and that this method would lead to the rapid conclusion of a treaty.

It was very interested in the conclusion of a commercial treaty with the Soviet Union which would be a most important contribution to the development of East-West trade.

In addition the Austrian Government recalled that they had previously already proposed such a commercial treaty. The Cabinet communiqué stressed that this was the only Austrian memorandum sent to Moscow and that the three Western High Commissioners had been informed about its contents. A Cabinet meeting on June 9 had unanimously decided to send it.

The memorandum also said that the inclusion in a commercial treaty of the imports of the Soviet administration of former German assets might complicate negotiations.

AMNESTY REQUEST
The Government had therefore made proposals to the Soviet authorities in Vienna with the object of overcoming these difficulties.

The communiqué did not disclose what these proposals were but said they would at the same time help Austria to settle the problem of the former German assets in Austria with the Soviet Union after the conclusion of a state treaty.

The Austrian Government had also asked the Soviet Union to give a large-scale amnesty to Austrian prisoners of war and civilian prisoners.

The memorandum also expressed thanks to the Soviet Union for the facilities granted to Austria.

On or before June 9 the Soviet authorities announced certain relaxations, including the lifting of Soviet control on the zonal demarcation lines.

GAINING TIME
The communiqué also said: "The Austrian Government in response to the unanimous desire of its people is honestly interested in good relations with the Soviet Union. The Austrian Government is ready to do everything in its power to create a sound basis for the development of trusting and fruitful relations with the Soviet Union."

The communiqué did not mention at all the second Soviet note delivered on July 30 announcing that the Soviet Union would no longer claim occupation costs from Austria although it had been said earlier that today's Cabinet meeting would discuss it.

Usually well-informed political sources said tonight the Cabinet had passed on the drafting of a reply to the Soviet Government to the Political Committee to gain time.

It was believed the Cabinet wished to consult the Government of the United States, Britain, France, as well as to discuss it thoroughly with its own members.—Reuter.

A Record Exodus

London, Aug. 4. Over three-quarters of a million people rushed out of London in 2,649 trains during the past holiday week-end to enjoy the rare luxury of English sunshine and blue skies. The Railway Executive said today the figure was an all-time record. The trains carried 728,503 city passengers to the coast and the country—43,412 more than during the same period last year.—Reuter.

Britain's Gold Reserves

Highest In Nearly Two Years

London, Aug. 4. Britain's gold and dollar reserves increased during July by \$89,000,000 on July 31, their highest level since late in 1951, though still far below their mid-1951 peak of \$3,867,000,000.

July's increase included \$36,000,000 of defence aid from the United States, and \$2,000,000 from the European Payments Union in part payment of the sterling area's surplus with the Union during June. That June surplus equaled \$4,000,000, half of which was payable to Britain in dollars during July.

Provisionally, the Treasury also announced that Britain had a deficit of \$4,000,000 (equalling \$11,200,000) with the European Payments Union in July. This will be settled during August, half of it (\$5,000,000) by dollar payment by Britain to the Union and the other half by increase of Britain's debt to the Union.

Britain's reserves—the central reserves of the entire sterling area—have risen in every month of this year. July's increase of \$89,000,000 compares favourably with the increases of \$46,000,000 in June and \$48,000,000 in May, though less favourably with some earlier months.

EU RECEIPTS
July's receipt of only \$2,000,000 from the European Payments Union was the smallest of this year. Receipts of United States aid were the largest since January. But the main reason for July's improvement was that the earned surplus with the dollar area jumped to \$51,000,000 compared with only \$14,000,000 in May and \$8,000,000 in June when it was reduced by some special payments.

The July deficit with the European Payments Union had been expected and for this month it is gratifyingly small—only about a tenth as big as the similar deficit in July last year.

Britain nearly always has a deficit with Europe in July, since it is seasonally the poorest month for sterling commodity earnings and the heaviest month for British tourist spending.—Reuter.

Red Delegates Protest

Geneva, Aug. 4. The delegations of the Soviet Union and Poland today protested against the presence of an observer from the German Federal Republic at sessions of the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

In a letter to the Council's President, the Soviet delegate, Mr. Amann, declared: "The Soviet delegation would point out that the presence of an observer from the Bonn Government at the session of the Economic and Social Council is illegal since the Bonn Government cannot represent Germany in international organisations."—Reuter.

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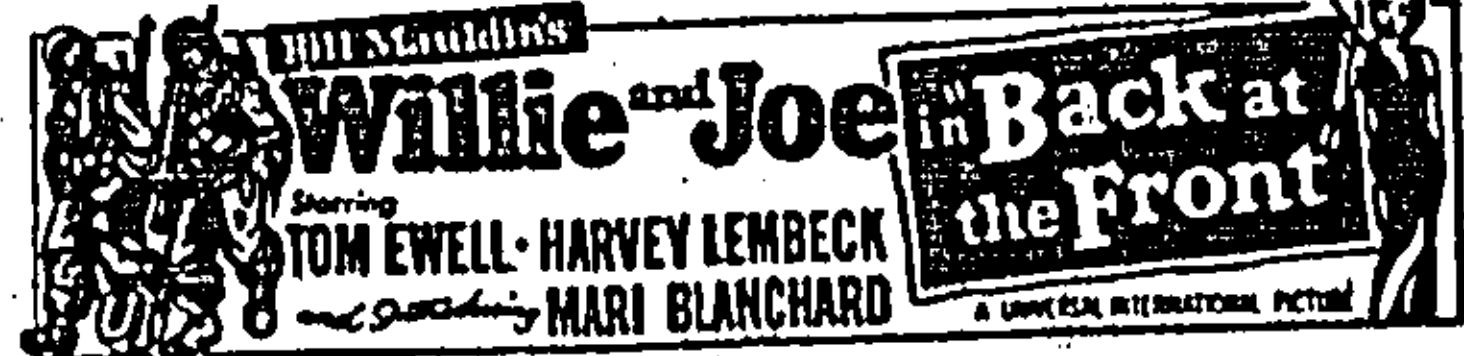
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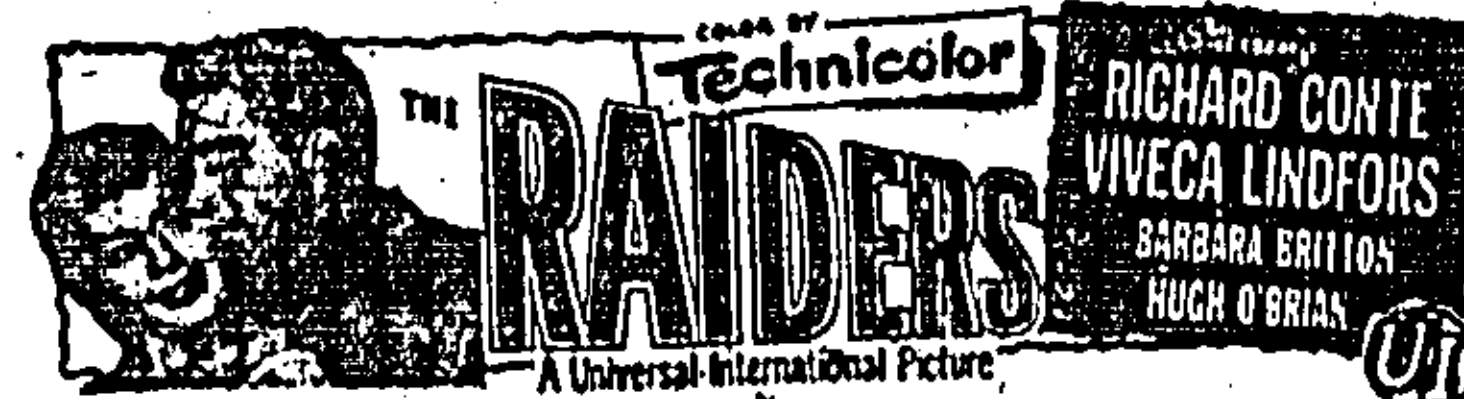


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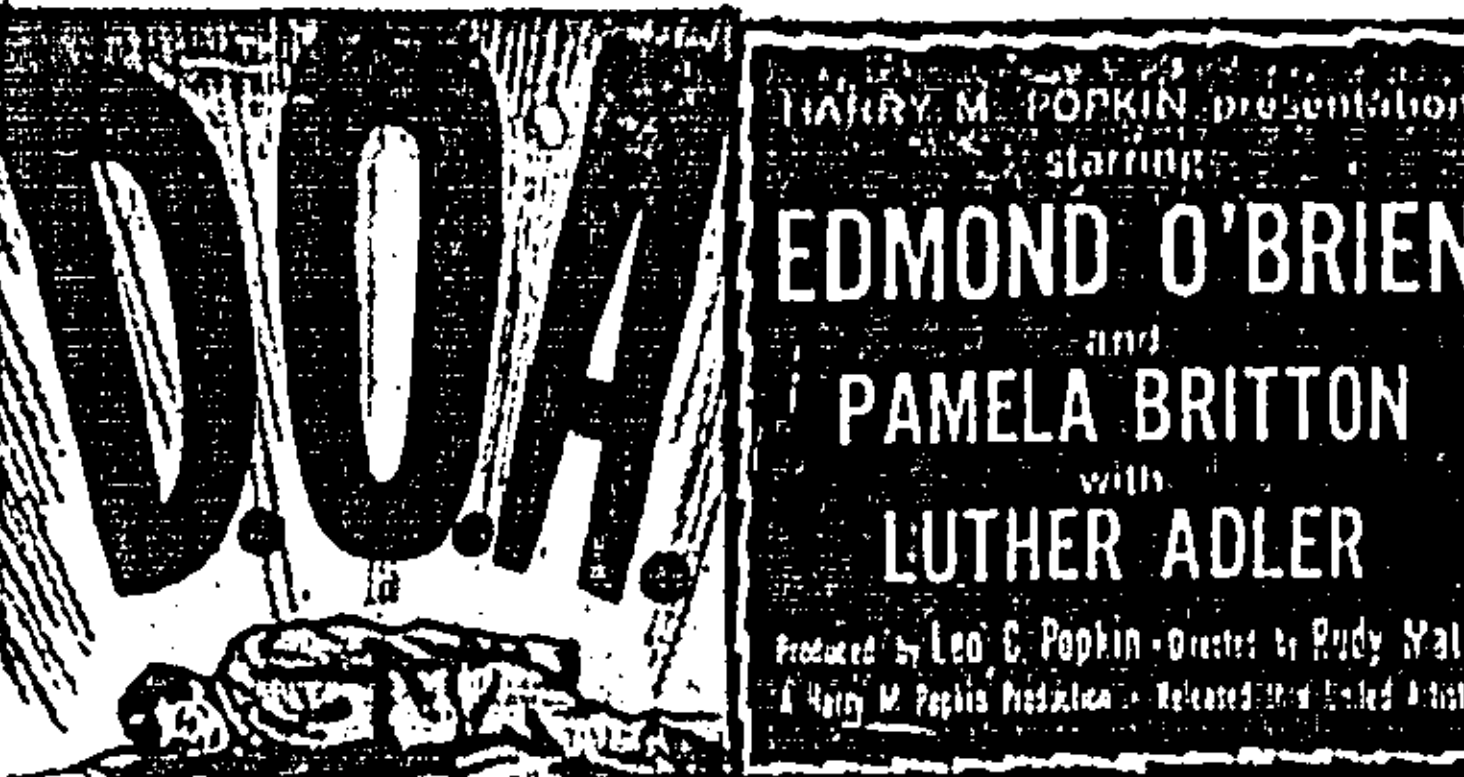


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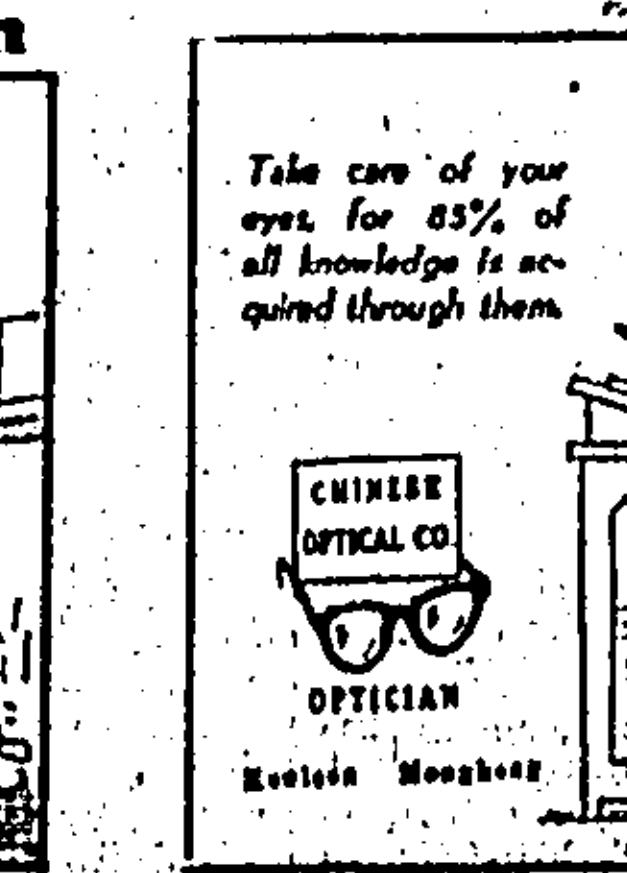
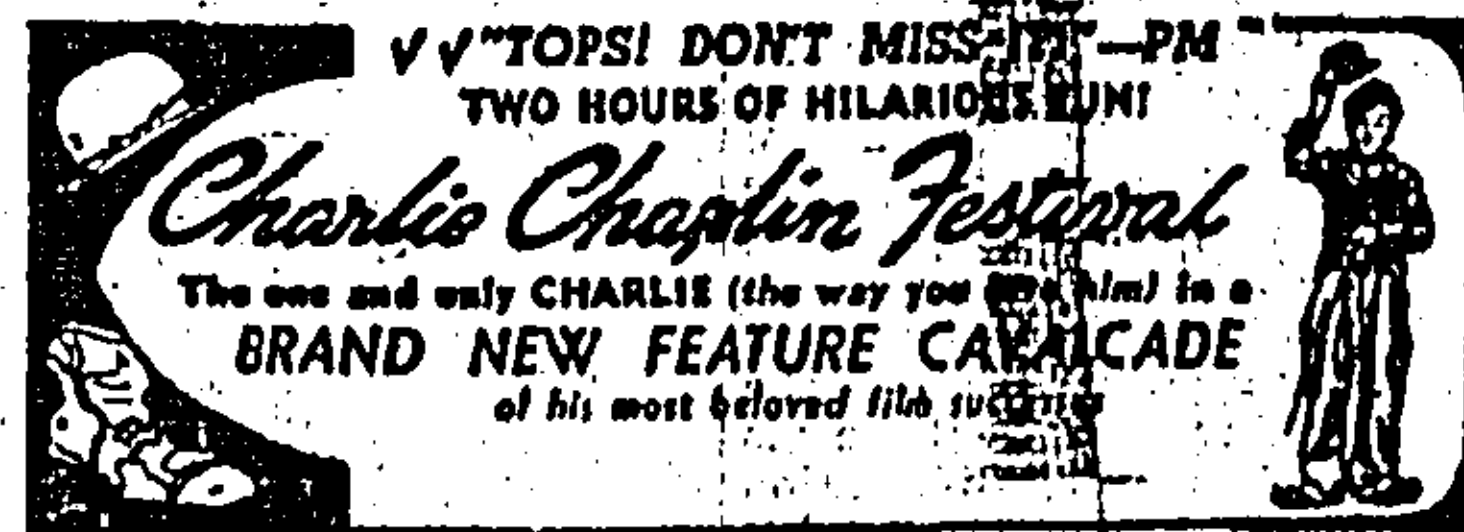
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Cheapest Way To Security

President Eisenhower On Foreign Aid

Seattle, Aug. 4. President Eisenhower said today that the foreign aid programme offered "the cheapest way" to American security.

The President, speaking informally at a round-table discussion of the annual conference of State Governors, said that the money the United States was spending in efforts to strengthen its Allies was not going out as part of a "give-away programme."

"We are not voting a give-away programme," he said. "We are moving in the cheapest way toward preventing the most terrible thing that could happen to the United States of America."

Mr. Eisenhower explained this remark with a discussion of the situation in Southeast Asia. He said the \$400,000,000 Congress had voted toward helping finance the fight against Communism in Indo-China represented security insurance for the United States.

If Indo-China fell to the Communists, he said, the free world would have difficulty in holding Indonesia and preventing the fall of India to the Communists.

VERY OMINOUS

President Eisenhower launched into a discussion of international affairs after he pleaded for an awakening of the American people to civil defence needs.

President Eisenhower said that the advance of Communism in Asia—particularly Iran—had created a "very ominous" threat to American security.

Observing that India had the "Soviet empire" as a neighbour, President Eisenhower said another neighbour, Iran, was in a weakened condition so far as the free world was concerned.

He said: "I believe you read in the papers this morning that (Premier) Mossadegh has moved toward getting rid of his parliament and of course he was supported by the Communists—the Tudeh party of Iran."

"All of that position around there is very ominous to the United States because finally if we lose all of that, how would the free world hold the rich empire of Indonesia?"—Reuter.

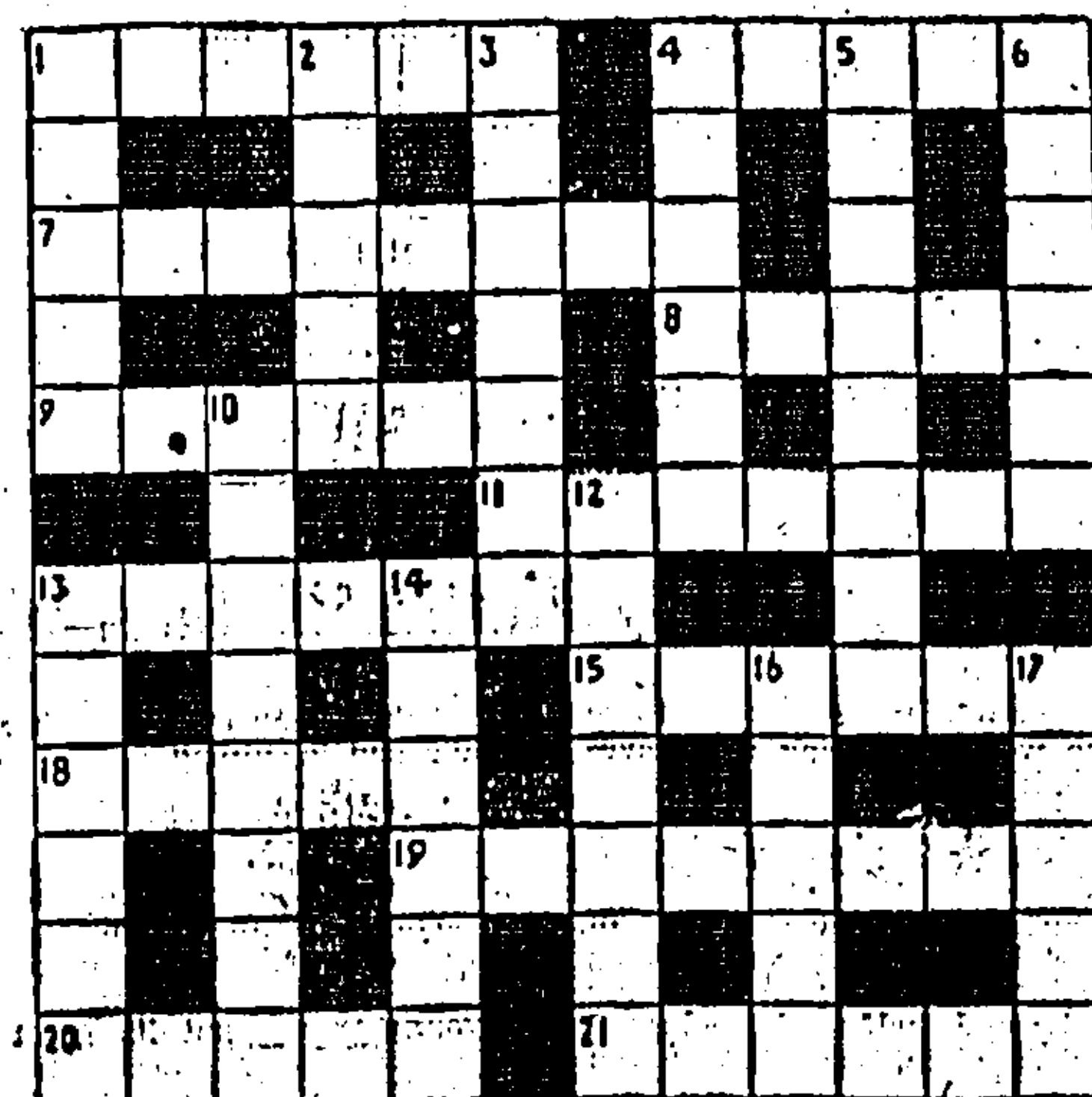
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London, Aug. 4. Air Marshal Sir John Boothman, Controller of Air Force research, development and production, is to become Commander-in-Chief of the Coastal Command.

Air Chief Marshal Sir John W. Baker, Vice-Chief of the Air Staff, will succeed Air Marshal Boothman as Controller of Air Supplies at the Ministry of Supplies.

Air Marshal Boothman takes over from Air Marshal Sir Allick Stevens, who is retiring.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Breaks out (6)
- 4 Royal line (5)
- 7 Sufficient (5)
- 8 Copy (5)
- 9 Skilled (6)
- 11 Attempted (7)
- 12 Get ready (7)
- 15 Offer (5)
- 16 Equipped (5)
- 18 Not a copy (5)
- 20 Guide (5)
- 21 Avaricious (6)

DOWN

- 1 Rub out (6)
- 2 Feeling of vexation (5)
- 3 Stew (7)
- 4 Subjects (6)
- 5 Taken aboard (6)
- 6 Blank-lasting (6)
- 10 Indivisible (6)
- 13 Jewel mounting (7)
- 14 Greens (5)
- 15 Zeal (6)
- 16 Ingenious (5)
- 17 Start to recover (6)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1. Rapt, 4. Recalls, 8. Rues, 9. Ache, 10. Striver, 11. Bile, 12. Evil, 14. Spurious, 17. Bore, 19. Rife, 21. Sordid, 22. Goad, 23. Laid, 24. Haunted, 25. Item, 30. Gait, 31. Heavens, 32. East, 33. Down, 34. Above, 35. Trouble, 4. Rife, 5. Bane, 6. Avarice, 7. Liege, 12. Ebb, 13. Iron, 14. Rife, 16. Scer, 18. Allege, 20. Liable, 21. Avarice, 22. Doer, 23. Sedan.

Japan Facing Financial Difficulties

Tokyo, Aug. 5.

Economic and political troubles indicate difficult times ahead for Japan, focal point of the United States-designed system of security pacts in the Pacific.

Eager opposition politicians harry a minority government. Industry lacks capital, but spending is reckless. Overseas earnings are lower than expenditure.

Japan's main economic prop, American dollar spending here, is at the same time a target for busy campaigners who seek to excite anti-American sentiment. They are people who would refuse military aid; but, meanwhile, live largely on Japan's earnings from the Korean war.

British and United States diplomats and businessmen on the spot see many signs of instability but have to admit at the same time that, somehow, Japan keeps going. The country itself is based on an unstable geological strata along the rifted rim of the great Pacific basin. Rocked by constant earth tremors, Japan moves, shakes, and settles again for a while.

Foreigners compare this to the Japanese economy. It heaves and settles then carries on somehow on the strength of a labour force recruited from a still rising population, now close to 80,000,000, enclosed in an island territory which half a century ago held half as many.

Few Europeans profess to understand her financial system.

HIGH INTEREST

Credit is so short and capital so scarce that it is practically impossible to raise a mortgage even on good property. Interest rates are high, at least 10 per cent, and lending money so tight that loans are altered commonly on a monthly basis.

Credit services report hundreds of disorganised notes each month. But in Tokyo blockaded office buildings with luxury shopping arcades and top-stories air-conditioned hotel-palaces have been rising up for two years and still climb skyward. The only limit on their size apparently, is that none must overlook the Imperial Palace, standing picturesquely behind high stone walls across a placid moat.

While bombed-out factories rot and rust, modern science and swarms of workmen combine to use the latest techniques in mammoth-building.

TYPICAL OF SYSTEM

The method of financing such construction is cited as typical of the nation's economic system.

A bank finances the construction company. Before it starts operations—the company leases out the shops, offices, hotel space, garage space, and so on, that will be built. Would-be tenants go to the bank to raise the money to pay the rent for the property; the construction company will build with money lent by the bank and repaid from the rent the tenants have borrowed from the bank.

A British firm here recently pressed a substantial local company for an overdue and substantial payment. Settlement was deferred until the local company was able to raise new share capital. The bank, which controlled its finances, would not permit payment of the debt until new capital was arranged.

NO RESERVES

It is normal in Japan, for companies with a capital of a few hundred thousand Yen (approximately £1 equals 1,000 Yen) to deal in millions, so that practically no reserves are available to cover reverses. Operators must turn to the banks to finance even the shortest term deals.

Japan has just reported that her sterling reserves are near exhaustion and for the first time in nearly three years trading in the open account area showed a deficit.

Dollar earnings and reserves, bolstered by the spending of the United States armed forces, kept ahead.

Pounds were so short it was doubtful if Japan could finance normal purchases of Australian wool.

Cotton operators were concerned about credits for Egyptian and Pakistan raw material supplies, although a United States credit gave some assurance of supplies for Japan's basic textile industry.

OPPOSITION TACTICS

In the Japanese Diet Shigeru Yoshida, the Prime Minister, carried his minority Liberal Party against the constant sniping tactics of an increasingly strong Socialist grouping and the harassment of splinter conservative groups anxious to embarrass him but fearful that a new election would destroy them if they forced his resignation again.

The state of Japanese politics was demonstrated by the fact that Japan's national budget, due for approval last April, was still under debate three months later. Opposition tactics were demonstrated when the Prime Minister, retired for a day or two of rest with an illness to his private home at the seaside, an hour by train from Tokyo.

An opposition delegation went there to see if he were shamming. The Prime Minister had to produce a medical certificate to be excused from Diet proceedings.

ON THE SURFACE Japan has been showing a bright and prosperous appearance. The hot and humid Japanese summer brought bright festivals and processions.

In the capital city a few beggars roamed, sleeping in rugs under bridges and beside the odorous canals of a city which has modern sanitation in only one small district.

In the business and shopping areas a smart and healthy-looking population toured in good clothes and ate good food, kept up a flow of patronage to the entertainment districts, some famous, and some notorious, and blocked Tokyo's narrow streets with the expensive chrome and shining metal of new motor cars, far above pre-war standards.

In the fishing villages and paddy fields there might be swarms and mixings while back-breaking work produced but small returns. But the capital boomed with the constant blast of raucous automobiles.—China Mail Special.

Unions Meeting In Tokyo

Duesseldorf, Aug. 4. Albin Karl, head of the Organisation Department of the German Trade Union Federation, will take part in two trade union congresses in Tokyo, the Federation announced today.

Herr Karl will leave by air on September 8, accompanied by the Secretary-General of the International Federation of Free Trade Unions, M. O'Brien.

They are to take part in the second annual conference of the International Federation of Free Trade Unions, between September 8 and 12 and attend the Congress of Japanese trade unions.—Reuter.

King Of Cambodia Returns Home



King Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia speaks to some of his loyal subjects on the roadside near Battambang, West Cambodia. He recently returned to his country from Siam, where he fled, as part of his campaign for Cambodia's independence, and received a great welcome. Although he has returned to Cambodia he refuses to re-enter his capital until his campaign has been won. He is supported by what has been termed the most loyal soldiers in the world who mostly travel barefoot.—Express Photo.

Home, Sweet Home Theme Of Edinburgh Meeting

Edinburgh, Aug. 4.

Eleven men and 1,000 women from 44 countries will get together here next week to work out ways of putting even more sweetness into home, sweet home.

For six days they will swap household hints on a global scale to make life easier for the housewife—whether she cooks over a log fire in Malaya or has a kitchen full of gadgets in Michigan.

The men and women—doctors, dietitians, housewives, teachers and school inspectors—another conference spent its time thinking up new ways of giving a rural-type education to the country family.

Other conferences have discussed domestic economy and the importance of home economics in conserving spiritual and social heritages.

After each conference, the delegates lecture in their own countries on the ideas they have heard discussed. The conference suggestions are put before local organisations, schools, and local authorities.

BACK TO PRIVATE OWNERSHIP

Steel—Shares—Sold In Britain

London, Aug. 4.

The Conservative Government sold back to private ownership today the first 140,000 shares in the nationalised steel industry.

The special body set up by the Government to hand back the steel companies—nationalised two and a half years ago by the previous Labour Party regime—announced that two companies, British Ropes and William Cooke and Company, had each bought 72,001 shares in the Templeborough Rolling Mills.

The shares were sold at £7.5 each with dividend. Sir John Morrison, Chairman of the special Government body handling the re-sale, known as the Realisation Agency, said today that people who held stock before nationalisation would be given "priority" for re-buying shares.

He did not think that companies would be returned entirely to former shareholders because of the vast sums involved.

The Bill to de-nationalise steel, fulfilling an election pledge by the Conservatives when they were voted back into power in 1951, became law last May. The job may take two years.

The Government is also arranging the return to private ownership of the road transport industry.

Labour has stated that it will nationalise them both again whenever it gets back into power.—Reuter.

HER THIRD CARGO

Tehran, Aug. 4. The Japanese tanker Nishio Maru arrived at the Persian port of Abekhan today to pick up the third cargo of oil since the country's industry was nationalised.—Reuter.

Cruiser On Visit

Colombo, Aug. 4. The cruiser H.M.S. New Zealand, flagship of Vice Admiral Sir William Slayter, Commander-in-Chief East Indies Station, arrived today for a 12-day visit.—Reuter.

Shah Appeals To Nation For Unity

Tehran, Aug. 4.

The Shah of Persia, in a brief broadcast tonight, appealed to the nation for unity.

He pleaded for social justice and hoped everyone would fully respect the constitution.

The broadcast was made on the eve of Persia's Constitution Day.

Prime Minister Mossadegh also broadcast saying he hoped the new Majlis (Lower House) to be elected soon would be composed of "real representatives" of the people.

The people, he said, had shown their willingness to support the constitution by the referendum yesterday. (In which the people of Persia voted overwhelmingly in favour of dissolving the Majlis as urged by Dr. Mossadegh.)

Dr. Mossadegh said the old Majlis was full of "foreign hirelings" who had made it impossible for the Government to carry out popular reforms designed to improve the lot of the people.—Reuter.

STEVENSON CONFERS WITH EDEN

London, Aug. 4.

Mr. Adlai Stevenson, American Democratic Party leader, and Mr. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, met informally tonight to discuss world problems.

It was Mr. Stevenson's first meeting with Mr. Eden since the Foreign Secretary returned here on July 29 after an operation in the United States.

Mr. Stevenson, now on the last stage of a six-month flying world tour, has already had talks with Sir Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister; Lord Salisbury, Acting Foreign Secretary; and other British Ministers.

Mr. Stevenson will leave London for a short holiday in the South of France on Thursday.

He wants to rest and is not disclosing where he will be staying. He plans to return to New York in mid-August.—Reuter.

REDS STIR UP ANTI-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN

Tokyo, Aug. 5.

Japanese living in areas where there are American bases complain that moral standards have declined in their communities since the establishment of the bases. This is one facet of an anti-American campaign, blamed here on Communists and leftists.

Japanese civic groups allege that when Americans establish bases, cabarets, beer halls, dance halls, "female entertainers and prostitutes take over the town."

These complaints are often referred to in the national press and used as opposition to the formation of new bases.

School teachers, many of them left-wing Socialists or Communist sympathisers, have used their pupils in protest campaigns.

But when, in response to complaints, the United States forces declare any area "out of bounds" or "off limits," local businessmen protest against the loss of trade and profit.

Most frequent complaints made against bases are: 1. Americans carry on "love-making" in the open and are a bad moral influence on children.

2. Children going to school have to pass through "entertainment areas" which have sprung up around American bases.

3. The noises of aircraft and military traffic disturb children when they are studying.

U.S. REPLY American officers described the Japanese complaints as one-sided and often unfair.

They point out that prostitution and undesirable establishments could not flourish around American bases if the Japanese authorities concerned took the necessary legal steps to stamp them out.

Officers say that in some areas the Japanese authorities have co-operated with the American military commanders in keeping out "undesirable elements." But in many places, the Japanese police turn a blind eye to people who are living off United States troops.

During the occupation, the Military Police were empowered to arrest prostitutes loitering in the vicinity of bases. Now they have no power over civilians and girls flock around United States camps.

Military authorities say that the Japanese police do little to keep the girls away from soldiers. As a result, the incidence of disease among United States troops has increased since the end of the occupation.

CUSTOMS DIFFER Sometimes the Japanese criticise troops for behaviour which is considered to be harmless in other countries.

Officers cited as an example, the Western custom of holding hands while walking in the street, or kissing in public. They said the Japanese had complained that this was "indecent."

American headquarters in Tokyo has accordingly asked all troops to stop displays of affection in public.

Japanese authorities in Sasebo, southern Japan, recently announced they would issue certificates to girls keeping company with members of the United States troops so that police could distinguish them from the many prostitutes in the town.

JAPANESE WORRIED By this method police hoped to single out prostitutes in the company of troops and arrest them. But there were numerous complaints that the plan was a violation of human rights and undemocratic.

Many Japanese are themselves concerned about the anti-American campaign, with criticism lessened during the disastrous floods in Kyushu, Japan's southern island where Japan's southern island where

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Staggering Task In South Korea

New York, Aug. 4.

The reconstruction of Korea would be the second chapter in the United Nations Korean assignment, Lieutenant-General John E. Coulter, United Nations Agent-General for Korea, said in a broadcast on the United Nations Radio yesterday.

General Coulter said that the Korean people had suffered, "few people have suffered in all of history."

"They have been slain, wounded, starved, put to flight, widowed, and orphaned. Their country has suffered damage that staggers the imagination," he said.

"Despite the intelligence, industry and patriotism of the Koreans, the task of putting their country back on its feet is impossible: of achievement without the help of the free nations and men and women of good will everywhere."

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Japanese Migration Problem

Melbourne, Aug. 4.

Japan will probably urge the International Labour Organisation to put pressure on Australia to admit Japanese migrants, Albert Monk, President of the Council of Trade Unions, said today.

Mr. Monk, just returned from the International Labour Conference at Geneva, told a United Nations Association meeting he expected the Japanese move to be made at an ILO conference to be held in Tokyo next month.

Japan, he stressed, was still looking to Australia to help solve her over-population problem.

Most Asian countries now realised that the limited number of Asian migrants Australia could absorb would not solve their population problems.

The main thing they needed, Mr. Monk added, was trained manpower and here the ILO could do its best work.—China Mail Special.

Opening Of World Jewish Congress

Geneva, Aug. 4.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Chairman of the World Jewish Congress, which opened here today, declared the Congress would stretch out the hand of fellowship to Jews of the East who had been cut off by "events which have for the moment shattered the unity of mankind."

He said in an introduction to a survey of the Congress work during 1948-1953 that the Congress would continue to look to bring within its ranks those who still stood outside.

The survey was submitted to members of the third plenary assembly of the Congress which began a week's session.

The creation of an organisation as nearly as possible inclusive of all Jewish groups was the purpose of the Congress, Dr. Goldmann stated.

He said the Congress was "steadily becoming more significant as a bridge between that part of the Jewish people which lives in the State of Israel and the Jews in several scores of countries throughout the world."

The Jewish leader said that when Israel was born, the sense of unity among World Jewry became articulate in the most unexpected places.

"Assimilated Jews in Western lands who had stood aloof from Zionism and even Jewish activity were at one with the Jewish masses in Moscow, who had been cut off from the main stream of Jewish life for 30 years, in seeking to respond to the challenge of an event which they realised, however dimly, gave a Jewish life everywhere a new direction and a new hope to Jewish life everywhere."

It is the primary business and function of the World Jewish Congress to give to this still largely unformulated instinct and sentiment of Jewish unity a form and a name," Dr. Goldmann observed.

The survey stressed the Congress policy and work during the past six years with special reference

to Jewry's problems in Germany, the Moslem world and Latin America.

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Colonel Stirling, Legendary Figure of the Middle East

Few Men Have Lived So Many Lives

By PETER LOVEGROVE

IN November 1949, three Arab terrorists called on Colonel W. F. Stirling at his house in Damascus and, once they were alone with him in his study, fired six pistol shots, hitting him in the right lung, the liver and the right forearm. Only a brilliant and immediate operation saved his life.

A few days after the attempted assassination, an ordinary Arab was overheard talking to a friend in a small cafe in the bazaars of the city. "Did they think," he said, speaking of the would-be murderers, "that they could kill Colonel Stirling with only six shots?"

Anyone reading the fascinating autobiography of this remarkably intrepid and energetic Briton, "Safety Last," which has just been published, will be inclined to agree with that unnamed and unknown Arab. Few men have lived so many lives as Stirling has; none has been involved in more precarious and varied adventure; and only Lawrence has remained a greater legend in the Middle East.

There has been Stirling the soldier. He marched into Lady-smith with the 1st Battalion Royal Dublin Fusiliers at the head of the relieving force. He won the Distinguished Service Order leading a mounted infantry company of the Manchester Regiment in the South African veldt. He was a blimp pilot in the Egyptian Army at Khartoum and on the White Nile. He crashed in the Jordan Valley while serving as an observer in the Royal Flying Corps, and got buried by a shell at Gallipoli. He won the Military Cross in Palestine after the famous Third Battle of Gaza, and a second DSO as Chief Staff Officer to T. E. Lawrence for his part in the Arab Revolt against the Turks. And in World War II he was Military Commissioner for Northern Syria and commander of the British Military Headquarters in Eastern Syria.

don's East End; surveyed trade conditions in Rumania for Yorkshire wool merchants, and checked up on vice in the West End for Scotland Yard.

There has been Stirling the sportsman. He hunted in Ireland; shot golden beaver in Canada; elephants in Mongolia; plover and sandgrouse on the Euphrates; rook and fox in Westphalia with Franz von Papen; and all manner of game in Abyssinia; played polo in Malta, Gozo, Khartoum and on the Adriatic Island of Brioni; sailed off Alexandria and golfed in a hundred places.

Cloak & Dagger

THERE has also been the "cloak-and-dagger" Stirling, who tried to organize an expedition to overthrow the Liberator Government, travelled about the Balkans with "limpet" mines in his luggage and a "small armpit holster which was almost undetectable under a double-breasted suit," and planned a revolution in Albania in 1940 which was designed to paralyse Italian communications and enable the Greeks to wind up successfully their magnificent campaign.

The Liberator expedition was still-born owing to lack of funds; the Albanian "coup" never materialised because British officialdom in Athens frowned on it. Had the latter been permitted, Colonel Stirling believes "it might have affected the whole course of the war, and the disaster of Crete might have been averted."

This was not the first time he had had an audacious idea turned down, and he has some very forthright views on the timorousness of our leadership between the world wars, and more particularly on the Foreign Office. In Cairo, in 1919, he wrote a memorandum

suggesting that the protectorate be abolished and Egypt invited to become an honorary member of the British Commonwealth.

Another memorandum, addressed to the High Commissioner in Palestine while he was serving there towards the end of 1922, pointed out that unless the British Government came out into the open and declared what they really did mean by the Balfour Declaration, there would be mounting trouble between the Arabs and the Jews—a memorandum which was so unpopular that "plans were immediately considered as the best way to get rid of me without creating too much of a stir."

Colonel Stirling is a staunch friend of the Arabs. He believes emphatically that it was not right to inject a foreign sovereign state into the heart of a group of Arab countries, "nor was it right to displace an existing population against its will in order to make room for migrants from abroad, but there was no objection to doing what we set out to do, which was to create a cultural and religious base or home for the Jews scattered throughout the world. In this all Arabs will agree with me, for it was they, it should be remembered, who during the past thousand years protected the Jews, while the Christians in Europe were oppressing them."

Hectic Years

DURING all those hectic years, Col. Stirling met a number of the world's leading figures, and "Safety Last" contains a vivid collection of brief pen portraits of Lawrence, Feisal, King Zog, Allenby, Weitzmann, and Lloyd George, a wealth of fascinating anecdotes, from an elaborate Albanian mountain wedding to

table-turning in a Westphalian castle, and a detailed account of events in Syria in May 1945, when the French shelled, bombed and machine-gunned Damascus for three days and nights before being evacuated by the British Command.

One of my favourites among the anecdotes concerns an Albanian plot. It was reported to Stirling that a rich landowner who was also a tribal chief and a senator had produced the wife of his agent. The latter, in revenge, revealed that the senator was in the pay of the Yugoslavs, who had arranged that on a certain day Zog should be murdered and the capital seized by the tribe, preparatory to an invasion and subsequent occupation by the Yugoslav troops.

Exceptional

THE facts were verified and I were found correct. Yugoslav troop movements began to take place. Zog did not want to accuse the Yugoslavs of plotting against his life, and bring the affair into the open.

"We found," writes Col. Stirling, "that our only solution was to arrange for the agent to shoot the senator and then provide him with a safe conduct out of the country on a false passport. The agent duly carried out the sentence and was smuggled over the border into Greece. There was a great stir and the senator was given a state funeral, with all the military out and a couple of bands. I received a printed invitation but did not attend."

Rudyard Kipling once said to Colonel Stirling's wife: "I am so glad to have met your husband; he's made me live in the open air again." This compliment sets the keynote to "Safety Last," and most readers will discover in it the same rare quality which inspired Kipling's tribute to an exceptional man.

THE ROYAL MARRIAGE MUDDLE

by CHARLES WINTOUR

THE Royal Marriage Act requires the consent of the Queen to the marriage of the Princess. It is not a measure whose origin and purpose is widely known. Passed in the reign of George III, it was forced through Parliament in a fit of temper by the King.

His Hanoverian sense of caste had been outraged by the marriage of two younger brothers to commoners and he was determined, so far as he could, to keep royal marriages as an instrument of royal foreign policy.

He did not succeed in his aim. But the Act is still in force.

Its provisions are three:—

1. No descendant of George II (other than issue of Princesses who marry into foreign families) shall be "capable of contracting matrimony" without the previous consent of the Queen.

2. Any descendant of George II over 25 may marry without the consent of the Queen by giving notice to the Privy Council of his or her intention to marry, unless both Houses of Parliament disapprove.

3. Anyone who knowingly solemnizes, assists, or is present at a marriage covered by the Act without such consent being obtained, commits a crime punishable under an obsolete Act of Richard II's day, with confiscation of estates.

Ins and outs

OF course it is as difficult to legislate about marriage as it is to make laws about love. The Hanoverians were a prolific dynasty. George II had eight children; his son Frederick had nine children; George III, his grandson, had no less than 15, and Queen Victoria had nine.

So the ramifications of the Royal Marriage Act, if pursued with determination through the pages of Burke and DeBrett, spread far and wide throughout the world.

But some of the stranger consequences of the Act spring from the limitation it places on Princesses who marry foreigners.

As a result, people of foreign descent who stand in some relation to the Royal Family are occasionally "in" but much more often "out."

King Peter of Yugoslavia, for example, who is now reported to be suing Queen Alexandra for divorce, is "out."

He did not have to seek royal consent for his marriage, although he is a great-grandson of Queen Victoria. His mother and grandmother both married into foreign families.

In the case of the Mountbattens one is probably "in" but two are definitely "out." Lady Iris Mountbatten, she is a great-granddaughter of Queen Victoria.

Her grandmother, the youngest daughter of Queen Victoria, married a Battenberg. He was naturalized by Act of Parliament, but the House of

Lords did not approve the measure until eight days after the marriage.

Would he, therefore, count as a "foreign family"?

DeBrett's Peerage of 1942 suggests that he does not. And as this Battenberg died of fever contracted on the British Ashanti expedition, for which he had volunteered, I would recommend the Privy Council to give him the benefit of the doubt.

Certainly the Royal Family have acted as if Lady Iris was covered by the Act. When she married Captain O'Malley of the Irish Guards in 1941, an announcement of royal "sanction and approval" was made.

Her marriage was later dissolved. There was no suggestion of royal approval for the dissolution.

Three days

LADY Iris now lives in New York, where she has had a variety of jobs. She has been reported as a mistress of ceremonies on television; promoting sales for a dance studio; selling dresses, representing Indian textiles, endorsing chewing gum; and working as a secretary.

But I must warn my American friends. If Lady Iris wishes to marry again and invite them to the wedding, they would be wise to find out whether royal sanction has been given. Otherwise mere attendance at the wedding might constitute a serious crime by English law.

The two who are "out" are Earl Mountbatten and the Marquis of Milford Haven. Both come from foreign descent on the male side.

An approved account of the Mountbatten family was published recently. With a full chapter is given to Earl Mountbatten, both Lady Iris and the Marquis are sadly neglected. It is a fuller book in consequence.

Another intriguing by-product of the operation of the Act is the position of Her Highness Princess Marie Louise. Her mother, one of Queen Victoria's daughters, married a Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein three days after he was naturalized. Thus Princess Marie Louise was brought clearly within the scope of the Act.

Repeal it

SHE married with royal assent, but her marriage was dissolved, perhaps with royal approval. The princess resumed her maiden name the following year.

Surely this Royal Marriage Act should be repealed. It is an ancient survival from long, long ago. It imposes discrimination favouring sons of foreign born families. For they are free to marry whom they choose; the native born are not.

Such privileges for foreigners are certainly alien to Britain. Conditions have changed, and people are no longer taking the same view of marriage.

The terms of the Act find no support among the people, and no justification in principle. Let's scrap it.

In Albania

THERE has been Stirling the administrator. He was Governor of Sinai before C. S. Jarvis, a political officer in Cairo; Governor of Jaffa in the early days of British Palestine mandate; a district comprising all Southern Palestine round Beerseba and Gaza, and a coastal plain to within five miles of Haifa, when he created the municipality of Tel-Aviv and evolved a wide-scale plan of re-afforestation. He spent eight years in Albania, reorganized the Ministry of the Interior, set up a new gendarmerie, helped to write the country's constitution (with the aid of Whitaker's Almanack) and turned Ahmed Bey Zogu into King Zog of the Albanians.

There has been the "private enterprise" Stirling. He ran a ranch and fruit farm in British Columbia. He worked for an oil company. He was secretary of Geziro Sporting Club. He exported women's dresses to South Africa; was technical adviser for several Korda film ventures; became an assistant porter and then floorwalker at Marks and Spencers; in Lon-

Sitting on the Fence..... By Nathaniel Gubbins

TO a holidaymaker in a bowler hat sitting opposite The Sea Nest on the hottest day of the summer... so far.

There on the seat by the sea he sat.

While the sun beat down on his bowler hat.

While the sun beat down, beat down, beat down,

On the curly brim and the dusty crown.

While the golden children with golden limbs

And golden hair laughed up at him.

While the seagulls circled round his hat.

And laughed "Heh-heh, Heh-heh" like that.

Dressed in a pin-striped suit was he

While ships sailed by on a green-gold sea.

While ships sailed by, sailed by, sailed by,

To the Argentine and Uruguay.

While the boats came in and the boats went out

And the girls in the swimsuits squeal and shout—
He sat on the seat in his bowler hat
While the seagulls laughed "Heh-heh" like that.

Little old man in a bowler hat

Why, oh why, are you dressed like that?

While the sun beats down, beats down, beats down,

On the pin-striped suit that was made for town;

On the white wing collar and neat cravat,

On the dusty crown of your bowler hat.

While the ships of the world go sailing by

Why are you dressed like that, oh why?

In your pin-striped suit and your bowler hat?

No wonder the seagulls laugh like that.

Girl's best friend

"A WEEK of my fortnight's holiday, by the sea is over and I haven't met a boy friend

yet. How can I find one without making myself cheap?"—
desperate, girl writing to an editor.

"Well, dear, as this editor is probably busy with other matters, let me help you."

At one time a modest girl, anxious for a seaside friendship, would tote an elderly aunt around, holding her arm, asking about her rheumatism, and shouting "You poor darling!" in a piercing voice in the hope that eligible young men would overhear the remark and think "There's a sweet, unselfish girl looking after her old aunt when she might be enjoying herself, I must make her acquaintance."

Other girls would borrow an old man in an invalid chair and push him along the front despite his protests that he was being kidnapped. When a young man offered to help, as the old man wheeled for the police, she would explain that her great uncle was suffering from a nervous breakdown and

was unable to recognise those who were sacrificing themselves for his comfort.

But as the young men of today have little use for sweet, unselfish girls with rheumatic aunts and half-mad uncles I think a girl's best friend is a doggie.

If you don't own a doggie you must borrow one. There are plenty of lost doggies at seaside police stations in the summer.

And if I were you, I would choose a large doggie, half as big as a house, as they are usually more friendly than little yapping doggies.

You must then buy a chain and allow this big doggie to drag helpless little you along the front, half laughing, half frightened, as the wind blows the chain back from your low, wide, rather clever brow, and the sunlight gleams in your blue eyes.

When the light young man approaches, let the chain fall from your tiny, weak hands. Then the doggie will leap at the young man, put its great paws on his shoulders and smother his face with loving licks.

After this only three things will happen. If the young man is not a dog-lover I'm afraid you've had it, dear. But you won't miss much, because, as you know, only nasty men drive like dogs.

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Colonel UP and Mr. DOWN... by Walter



JACOBY ON BRIDGE

When on Defence Be Extremely Alert

NORTH		7
107		
K74		
AQ10854		
104		
WEST		EAST
K55		A98642
1063		Q82
963		7
AQJ8		72
SOUTH (D)		
QJ7		
AJ95		
KJ		
K9553		
North-South vul.		
South	West	North
1 Pass	1 Pass	1 Pass
2 Pass	2 Pass	2 Pass
3 Pass	3 Pass	3 Pass
Opening lead—A 3		

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN dummy has a long solid suit, the defenders must usually grab their tricks on the run. Otherwise they may wake up only after declarer has obtained all the discards he needs.

When today's hand was played in the Eastern States Tournament, held recently in New York, many declarers succeeded in making the level of three by the defenders were sure of a natural trump trick with either the queen or the ten.

At many tables, for example, East won the first trick with the ace of spades and returned a spade to West's king. This left South's king of clubs safe from attack. If dummy had not taken the ace of spades, South could have prevented him from winning four trump tricks (by means of a finesse through East) and six diamond tricks.

At a few tables the East player saw at the very first trick that it was vital to switch to clubs. This play made a difference of two tricks. At these tables West was able to win the second trick with the jack of clubs. The correct defence from this point was to cash the king of spades, take the ace of clubs, and then lead a third round of clubs.

By this time the defenders had taken four tricks in a row. If they had not, they would have been in a very bad position. East could easily have covered the queen of clubs with the king of hearts, and the defenders would have been in a very bad position.

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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

Double volar, out aquellas horas De juventud?

PSYCHOLOGIST with enough fur on his ears to sink a battleship has opined that even a little child looks back wistfully to the days when he was a baby.

I presume that, before arriving at this conclusion, the roguish had conducted experiments with mice, knowing a man of 40 who tried to recapture his extreme youth by eating coal, putting his foot in his mouth, screaming, and playing with a little rubber horse on the hearth-rug, but the whole thing soon bored him to death and led to angry scenes with his wife.

The festive season was announced by the Minister of Agriculture, M. that during the month of August, less will be served at little.

Chess Problem

By M. HAVEL
Black, 12 pieces



White, 7 pieces.
White to play; mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. P-Q4, any; 2. Q, Kt, or P mates.

WHAT'S HER LINE?
GRACE WELKS

Rearrange the letters to spell her occupation.
(Solution on Page 10)

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WOMANSENSE

STRAIGHT ON—that is the Winter secret



THE UMBRELLA
Worn straight on—the umbrella-shaped hat from the Ornel collection. It is in bright enamel-blue tulle scattered with beads.

PARIS
plays with
starfish



IN WHITE
This starfish hat is of white satin, embroidered in green-blue crystals.

By
Betty Wilson

TOP secrets in Paris—the new Paris Winter hats, which hardly even exist yet, except as the spartan shape or in the Paris modistes' zany minds.

This week, however, some of the best-known milliners in Paris showed me their first winter models, bringing them out of their tissue paper behind closed doors and a barricade of screens.

The new line, I can now report, is a kind of large and flatish pillbox, often with a draped brim effect, which sits well down on the head, and although it is shallow, is pretty well head-covering.

This head-covering look will be characteristic of the hat shows. Even Gilbert Ornel's starfish hats (meant to show lots of hair) are cut so that they leave points which clamp down to follow the lines of the skull.

Most new hats will be worn dead straight, although there are a few exceptions introducing a movement which slides down over the right ear.

Paulette's mannequins wear all her new hats quite straight and these just clear the ears and cover the back of the head. Her brims are narrow. Indeed, they are often not much more than a rolled edge, which is sometimes given a twist or scalloped dip.

Paulette often mixes two colours or two fabrics and uses lots and lots of wool jersey, introducing as come of the other modistes do, tremendous amount of subtle draping, which gives new interest but still preserves the illusion of a tiny head.

Swedish designer Svend does a lot of this and uses interlaced or intertwined rouleaux to make flat brims for hats which cap and cover the head.

His fabrics are out-of-the-way and include some new velvets stamped out in rice grain or snail patterns, as well as dress new bright vermillion wool, materials—among them Rodier's which is woven through with shiny black seal hairs.

The simple knot
Gilbert Ornel's favourite trimming is a simple knot—

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STARFISH—IN BLACK
This model is in black-embroidered black velvet, worn to follow the natural head line. By Ornel.

characteristic of a new swing-away from fantasy trappings. He shows the pillbox line, designers will show these, too, hats shaped like starfish (other designers will show these, too, I think) which follow the head line.

The Ornel trick of keeping up a hat that is not much more than a flatish pincushion is elaborated for winter, when Ornel hats will be held on with wire grips hidden beneath padded hearts, bows or embroidered motifs.

So far—although Paris modistes have plenty of time to change their minds—there are few veils, and these are made of the finest imaginable mesh.

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BEAUTY ON THE BEACH



BLACK chin! for sunning and bathing is a nice idea for a golden-bronzed skin, and not bad for the lily-white brigade either. Anyhow, here it is the favourite fabric for a two-piece job. The top is a little camisole with broad straps buttoned snugly over the bosom. One broad strap makes the sides of the pants which are button closed. Lined in tight fitting black jersey, the over-pants swing loosely from the leg.

THIS year's bathing suits are really functional and manage to look very pretty, too. This flat-tinger suit in draped wool jersey has a wide open halter neckline. It is a one-piece, the colour a rich turquoise blue. There are bands down the front and sides with matching buttons for a bit of trim.

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

O'Scowl and the Wooden Bed

—He Was Nice and Warm Too Warm, in Fact!

By MAX TRELL

AS soon as the house was quiet, Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, slipped down to the playroom where they found their friend Mr. Punch about to curl up in his easy chair.

"Good night, my dears," he greeted them.

"Here! You can't go to sleep!" They exclaimed. "You have to tell us a story first."

Mr. Punch slowly incanted his words until he had lulled the eyes of the sleep out of them. Finally he smiled and said: "Well, I'll tell you a story about Pixie O'Scowl and the wooden bed. Of course, if I've already told it to you, there's no use my telling it to you again. In that case, I'll finish going to sleep."

Never Heard It
Knarf and Hanid answered in one voice that they had never heard the story of Pixie O'Scowl and the wooden bed. Mr. Punch then began:

"I'm warning you before I begin," he said, "that this is a very short story. But all the stories about the Pixies are rather short, and this is mainly because they are very short themselves. None of them is much larger than a big pin. Now, Pixie O'Scowl was even shorter than the rest of the Pixies."

"Although he lived in O'Cheer Hall, Pixie O'Scowl was not very cheerful—and he was less cheerful than ever on this day because a cold wind was blowing through the roof of the oak and chilling him to the bone."

"He tried wrapping himself in Pixie blankets (which are made of bees' down) and creeping inside an old glove which the Pixies had once found. But it did no good. He was as cold as ever."

"At length he crawled out of the glove, threw off the blankets and went outside, where he at once started to run across the field as fast as he could, waving his arms up and down. But his arms up and down did him little good. He was still quite cold and tired in the bargain. So not noticing a pile of wood which had just been cut, he crawled in as deeply as he could. To his surprise, neither the wind nor the cold air seemed to be able to reach down here and he soon fell asleep."

"I don't know how long he slept," Mr. Punch went on, "but all at once he began to feel deliciously warm. This soon changed to his feeling exceedingly hot, and on opening his eyes, he discovered to his alarm that he was in the middle of a blazing fire in a stove."

"Fortunately, the farmer's wife, in whose stove he had been thrown along with the wood, lifted the lid and out he sprang right into the frying pan. 'Take me out!' he shouted indignantly. 'How dare you fry a Pixie!'"

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"The farmer's wife at first thought he was a fly and was about to pick him out. On seeing that he was a Pixie, she dried him off gently with a napkin and bade him stay for dinner, which he did. He ate seven drops of soup, three snips of meat and fourteen crumbs of apple tart. Then a bed was made for him in a pin-cushion—from which all the pins had been removed—and Pixie O'Scowl was happy at last. And quite warm, too," added Mr. Punch.

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LADIES, KNEE-HIGH SKIRTS! SAYS DIOR

From ANNE EDWARDS

THE "Champ" of the Paris dress shows—Christian Dior—floored his rivals with one surprise knock-out blow. He brought back the short skirt.

Every one of his mannequins, the tall girls, the short girls, the thin girls, and the almost plump girls, wore skirts at just below knee-length.

Everyone of his dresses, full, narrow, pleated, or bustle-shaped, were similar in one respect. Each had a short skirt. Dior made his name by persuading women to wear dresses down to the ankle when they liked them short.

Now, when women have grown to like their dresses long, Dior looks like keeping his name at the top of the bill by persuading women to wear them short. Along with the short skirt back came the brazier waistline, the dress without belt, and the tiny cloche hat.

In One Piece
Translated into fashion terms, all this means that dresses are shaped in one piece without a seam at the waist. There is a broad, crisp collar. Sleeves are wrapped round the ribs. Dresses are darted to fit in a loose curve from bust to hips. Shoulders and bodices are bloused.

And skirts are either tight and straight, or round and spreading, and managing to look full without any sign of a gather or a pleat or a fold.

Here are little skull caps in black velvet with a flower or a cluster of feathers over each ear. And they are worn with evening frocks.

Most evening dresses are short. What they lack in length they make up for in elaborate embroidery, sequins on beads, and beads on pearls.

Household Hints
To clean bottles that are water-stained, put in a solution of borax and water, and let stand for a few hours. If this does not do the work, add BB shot to the solution, or broken egg shells, or both, then shake well.

If you make or purchase a quilt, be sure the fabric is dyed with colours that are fast to both light and laundering. Shake the quilt gently to see if the filling slides away. If it does, lumping or filling may occur in laundering.

A plastic tablecloth is a great help when you are washing sweaters and want to follow washing instructions to spread the garment out on a large, flat surface. The plastic cloth may be spread over bed, or table, and on it may be arranged sweaters and crocheted dollies or mats at once.

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Evening coats are short again. In topaz or cherry or emerald velvet. And with rich linings, and with mink, ermine, and sable.

Shoes are more notable, with pointed toes and jewelled trimmings. Necklines are changed. They are low and wide and cut out from shoulder to shoulder.

In dress after dress, Dior drove home his new line. He said: "You must wear this shorter skirt, wear short skirts with tweeds, wear short skirts with afternoon dresses, wear short skirts for the evening."

The audience was stunned. Women did not seem to like it. But Dior was right last time when women did not like the longer skirt—at first, then all wore them in the end.

So perhaps Dior knows what women like better than they know themselves.

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McBailey Sets Rugby League Fans Talking

"I-Cash In On Talent" It's A Stunt Says One

By SYDNEY HULLS

"Freedom is a wonderful thing," crooned Emmanuel McDonald Bailey, the Mr. Speed of sport.

The poster-white teeth shone, the dark eyes gleamed, as he reclined luxuriously, without care, on his bed six storeys above London's Southampton-row.

McBailey has changed from amateur to professional, from gentleman to player.

He has become a professional sportsman, a wing three-quarter for the Lancashire Rugby League football club of Leigh.

Said Bailey: "Now I can cash in on the talents I have given freely to Trinidad and Great Britain for the past 14 years."

It means he can play for money; sprint for money; write for money. And the only questions he will have to answer will come from the tax man.

Has he played Rugby League football before?

"Not seriously, but speed is the essence of all sport—and basically I have what it takes."

Does he know that there are 13 men in Rugby League side?

"Yes, but I'm not superstitious."

And does he wonder what gives first when 16st. of forward catches up with a winger?

"Quite frankly, I haven't given much thought to that yet."

"But," with a glance at the fastest pair of legs on earth, "I am arranging extra insurance for these."

Will McDonald Bailey, the British Empire's finest sprinter, succeed as a professional with the Leigh Club? Here is what Rugby League folks are saying:

● **LEIGH RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB SUPPORTER:** "It's a stunt. The game has seen fliers before, but wait until he gets on a pitch knee deep in mud."

● **MR. JAMES HILTON, LEIGH CHAIRMAN:** "Mac will be a magnificent attraction. He has developed the science of mind over matter. I am convinced he will succeed as a Rugby player."

● **GUS RISMAN, famous Test full back, now Worthington player-manager:** Good luck to him, and to coach Joe Egan. They'll need it.

● **CHRIS BROCKBANK, ex-Warrington manager and former winger:** At 32 it's asking a lot of a man. Coming into the game so late one doubts whether he will be able to stand up to its toughness.

● **TOM SPEDDING, secretary-manager of Belle Vue Rangers:** Good luck to Leigh, but what will the clubs who have spent so much money on the cultivation of juniors think about it?

● **JIM YEATLEY, member of the Rugby League Council of St. Helens:** The publicity is good, but whether Leigh can make a star out of him remains to be seen.

● **BILL HUGHES, Salford, another member of the council:** From a football point of view I think it is comic.

THE SPORTS ROUNDABOUT

IT'S TIME TO GAG THESE SHEPPARD CRITICS

Says DAVID JACK

Despite the County's healthy position in the Championship table, all is not well in Sussex cricket.

At a time when skipper David Sheppard deserves encouragement and support from Sussex fans, there are far too many in the county ready to accuse him of leaving his team in the lurch—because this brilliant batsman has decided to give up cricket and enter the Church.

Those narrow-minded supporters are doing the game a great disservice. I have nothing but admiration for Sheppard who, believe me, quite rightly, that there are some things much more important than county cricket.

THOSE SLAVES

While the "slaves" of professional Soccer prepare to don their shackles again, I was interested to hear that Portsmouth players are today being taken to the Isle of Wight for a cricket match against Shanklin.

Wives and families will also go along—with all expenses paid by the club—to spend the day on the "slave market."

Despite optimism about a quick return to the First Division, Derby County directors may be in for a shock next season. They are all very well to cite the cases of Manchester City and Sheffield Wednesday—but these clubs' bank balances were in a much healthier state than is the present position with Derby.

IMPORTANT WRIST

Probably the most important wrist in football—Nat Lofthouse's broken one—will be in plaster until the second week in September.

"Even then," says Bolton Wanderers' manager, Bill Ridding, "Nat will need a couple of weeks physiotherapy to get the arm back to normal."

Yet the man who will take over the Lofthouse mantle at Burnden Park was rejected recently by Sheffield Wednesday. His name? Ronnie Codd, sent back to Bolton after being signed by Wednesday last season.

Good footballers still attract offers even at an age when they should be past it. When Tommy Lawton signed Frank Broom for Brentford recently he had to outbid Leeds United, Watford and Barnsley.

'DERBY' SPECIAL

The 65,000 crowd expected at St. James' Park on August 22 for the Newcastle United v. Sunderland local "derby" will include 100 Greenock Morton supporters. They are travelling down by special buses on the morning of the game—to cheer on former Morton goalkeeper Jimmy Cowan.

Bolton Wanderers' outside left Alan Beards—he will play in Bobby Langton's position next season—was married last week. That's one way of celebrating his recent demob from the Army.

Arsenal and Sunderland are still wondering what will happen to their teams if Arthur Milson and Willie Watson are wanted by the MCC in the West Indies next winter. Watson tells me: "I am expecting to play football for Sunderland. After all, the party won't leave until mid-December."

I'm told that Rolando Ugolini, Middlesbrough's Italian-born goalkeeper, would like to return home—to Scotland. Roley is a naturalised British subject.

IRONICAL

While Leyton Orient attempt the almost hopeless task of raising 15,000 by selling 50 shares, it's ironical to think that the directors could have solved most of their financial problems

without help—if they had been prepared to part with one player, Dennis Peacy.

Even during the close season, clubs have been bidding for the tall, lanky centre-forward, Nottingham, Portsmouth and Barnsley are interested, but as Orient manager Alec Stock says: "We'll never persuade supporters to take a financial interest in the club if we sell our best players."

Full marks to Peacy, who says: "I don't want to leave Orient—but if the club is in trouble I'll gladly be transferred."

When Sussex all-rounder Alan Oakman broke his finger at Hastings there was a hurried search for a local spectator to direct him to hospital.

Then it was discovered that Oakman was born and brought up in Hastings—and he could almost find his way blindfold.

BACK AGAIN

"I doubt if he'll stay with them four months before he's back with a League club," says

a Middlesbrough FC official, following the transfer to North Shields of a rapidly improving wing half Maurice Mason. Other folk, too, wonder why he was released.

Derbyshire's senior cricket professional, Charlie Elliott, carried a nasty looking ear between the eyes when I met him recently. Fiddling at short leg, six feet from the bat, Elliott caught a packet from Leicestershire opening batsman Milke Halham. Elliott describes the stroke as a "short arm jab."

I was glad to hear that Coventry City manager Harry Storer is well on the way to recovery following a duodenal operation. Strange to think that Storer's illness, probably caused by worry, was first noticed during the war. And that was the only time during the last 35 years when football managers had no recreation worried.

RESULTS OF JULY COMPETITIONS AT FANLING

A large number of players took part in The Captain's Cup—August Qualifier Competition played over the Old Course at Fanling during the week-end, D. Shaw qualifying with a net 68.

The leading scores returned were as follows: D. Shaw 80-12-08; Austin Ho 83-14-09; R. M. Keown 87-18-09; J. R. Lelch 82-13-09; W. H. Paterson 83-14-09; F. R. Zimmern 85-10-09; J. H. M. Andrew 89-10-07; H. M. Adam 90-20-70; W. D. Leighton 70-9-70; John Wal 82-12-70; W. O. Davies 78-8-71; H. Small 77-8-71.

The following were the best scores returned during the week-end by players not taking part in the Captain's Cup monthly qualifier.

Old Course (S.S.S. 72).—H. R. O. Hubble 80-24-05; W. I. Thompson 82-24-09.

New Course (S.S.S. 71).—J. E. C. Wright 88-21-07; S. Allen 82-15-07; L. G. King 89-10-09; W. E. Hines 78-8-08.

The following are the best scores returned in the various Monthly Competitions held at Fanling during July:

July Bogey—Old and New Courses.—(Winner) F. N. Kent 2 up; R. P. Moodie 2 down; R. G. L. Oliphant 2 down; A. V. White 2 down.

July Stableford—Old Course.—(Winner) D. L. Anderson 30 points; D. Shaw 37 points; S. S. Gordon 30 points.

July Stableford—New Course.—(Winner) F. J. Brockbank 30 points; F. N. Kent 37 points; L. G. King 37 points; Capt. C. A. McClean 35 points.

Smalley Midweek Cup—July Qualifier.—H. Small won the July Qualifier of this competition with a return of 75-0=Nett

68. F. R. Zimmern being runner-up with 90-10=Nett 71.

LADIES' SECTION

The qualifier for the Captain's Cup for July was Mrs D. Bucke. The LGU Silver Medal was won by Mrs D. Dawson-Grove and the LGU Bronze winner was Mrs P. Larche.

The Medal round, counting putts, played on Ladies' Day at Deep Water Bay last Tuesday, was won by Mrs P. Robinson with 28 putts. The winner of the Medal round was Mrs M. Gray. The Eclectic, played on the previous Tuesday, was a tie between Mrs P. Robinson and Mrs Dawn-Grove.

Players are asked to note that the next Ladies' Day will be Tuesday, August 18.

There will be a competition for Junior Members tomorrow. Children are asked to come as early as possible.

SHEK-O GOLF

One of the most popular golf events of the Shek-O County Club proved to be the Eclectic Competition which ran throughout July.

The following are the results, handicaps shown in brackets: Winner: H. Sidbury (24) Net 44; Runners-up: J. C. Brown (17) tied with J. Dilson Leach (9) Net 48.

Other Leading Scores: H. R. Cleland (8) Net 51; L. Col N. S. Dykes (18), L. Col N. S. Dykes (7) R. P. Moodie (8) 53; Mrs C. A. Cortis (39), J. Mould (18) Net 54; J. H. Kendall (17), Mrs A. M. Brown (12) Net 55; W. A. Jorgarth (14), L. H. Robinson (8), A. Lyle (10) Net 58.

Members are again reminded that the Fred Barry Trophy is to be played for on Sunday, August 30, for which entries will close on August 23, to enable a draw for partners and starting times. This competition is 30 holes against Bogey on "three-quarter of full handicaps."

FLAG COMPETITION

A Flag competition was held at Shek-O on July 8, and was won by Mrs H. Gray on the 20th fairway. Runners-up were two guests who reached the 18th green, Mrs Tippin and Mrs Watkinson.

The following are the ladies who have so far qualified for the Fred Barry Cup—Mrs Cleland, Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Collie, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Harrison and Mrs Saunders.

The Eclectic competition running during the months of June and July was won by Mrs Armstrong and Mrs A. M. Brown who tied with a net 52.

Ladies are reminded that a Stableford competition will be held on Thursday, August 13. The entry list is now posted at the Club. Incoming competitors, also, please the Hon. Secretary, Mrs A. M. Brown 27409.

A running medal contest has now started and will be played throughout August and September, full handicap, limit of 10 cards.

PRINCESS MEETS COMMONER—IN A FILM TO SET THE WHOLE TOWN TALKING



COMMONER PECK, PRINCESS HEPBURN at a table for two in Rome.

FICTITIOUS? NO ONE BOTHERS TO SAY SO

"All characters are fictitious. No reference is intended to actual persons or events."

They are the lines—so easily overlooked—that come in front of nearly every film. Nowhere are they more needed than at the start of a new Hollywood film "Roman Holiday" which was shown privately in London the other day.

The words are missing this time. They are missing because the company says "The story is so obviously fiction." They are missing because the star, Audrey Hepburn, says: "It is simply a fairy story."

"Roman Holiday" tells how a princess breaks away from the routine of a state visit to Rome and falls in love with a commoner. And then, because she is a princess, she has to give up her romance and return to the palace.

Look back—just drive away," she says to the man she loves. Of course Princess Ann in the story comes from nowhere in particular. Of course the commoner is Gregory Peck. Of course the idea is as old as any nursery fable—but without the traditional "happy ever after" ending of a fable.

When "Roman Holiday" is shown in the West End early next month it will do more than make Audrey Hepburn, who plays the princess, a star of distinction. Its fairy story plot will set the town talking.

I reach up For Audrey Hepburn, the plump, a 23-year-old girl from a West End chorus line, the success of the film means a new phase in her own personal fairy story.

When I sat in her Mayfair flat three years ago we talked about the way she had to juggle her budget in pennies. How could she pay for clothes, ballet lessons, food, and money for mother on a salary seldom more than £12 a week?

Now she has the big film contract and the full star treatment. The picture princess says: "I have to try to keep a balance about it all. I want to retain the feeling that it is all happening to someone else and at the same time have an idea of my own value and worth to the company."

Her success still quietly astonishes her. "You see I have always reached for something just above my head," she told me. "If I have been able to hold on to it is because I seized every opportunity and worked extra hard. Nothing came easily."

"In musicals I was the tense rigid girl trained for ballet who

DAVID LEWIN'S Spotlight

had to watch everyone else to find out what to do. "In the theatre in 'Gigi' I acted with acting experience. The play was a success in America and they said nice things about me. But all through the 16 months' run I was still learning. By the last night I was really only just ready for the first night."

Then the film "Roman Holiday" was reaching again. Out of that curious studio life of cameras, lights, noises, and nerves I had to try to bring a true performance.

In real life, too Her princess in "Roman Holiday" plays truant, falls in love and then relinquishes romance. In real life Audrey Hepburn should know that emotion. She has given up her engagement to James Hanson because of the pressure of building a career.

She says: "In the picture the princess has her duties. With me..."

There was no need to complete the sentence.

Full circle ★ NOW COMES the pay off to the long line of American who have shuffled into top position in West End variety on the strength of gramophone record sales.

Now comes the limitation—the carbon copy "American" crooner. His name is Tony Brent, he is 28 years old, and his voice has personality and power.

Although he is little known, his records of "Make It Soon" and "Any Old Time" have sold 120,000 copies. He has been just a month in variety and is still in the suburbs. But his drive will promote him. I applaud his talent. I detect his approach.

They expect it I went to see him at Kingston-on-Thames, where his star billing read "From America." On stage the accent was American. So was the style of his clothes and the pencil-thin bow tie. So was the art of walking a microphone from one end of the stage to the other. So was the sweeping gesture to the band ("a grand bunch of boys").

The team of ten, officially announced here today is: Walter Burkemo, Jimmy Turness, Sam Sneed, Jack Burke, Lloyd Mangrum, Ted Kroll, Cary Middlecott, Ed Oliver, Dave Douglas, and Fred Hana. Best Hogan, winner of the British and the United States Open Championships this year, also declined the invitation. Reuter.

Tony Brent could take the lot and top a West End bill as another "American" recording star. He would be cheating. Mr Brent need not apologise for being British. Off stage he says and the accent is slight: "I work like an American because that is what people expect today. They wouldn't accept me if I were just a British singer with a few gramophone records to my credit."

He is wrong, but I understand what makes him believe that. He has watched how audiences react to Americans such as Eddie Fisher and Al Martino.

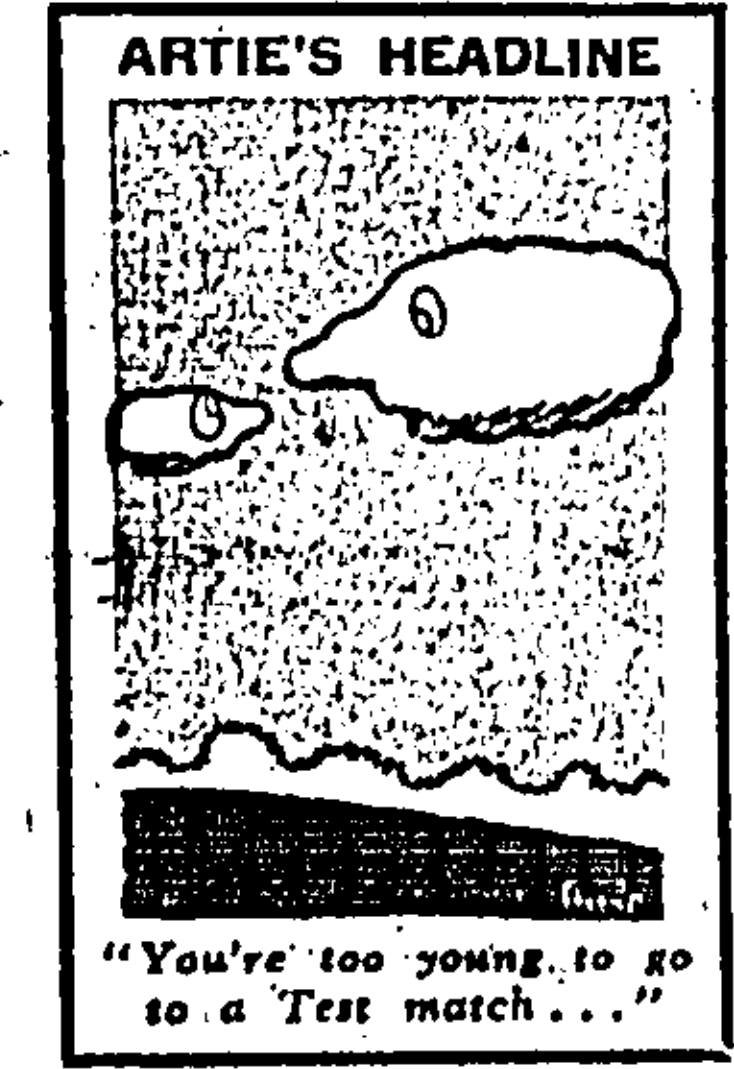
But it pays off He sees that the American technique pays off at the top of the bill. Brent's justification for his "From America" billing and act is that for years he worked in a car factory in Detroit, then won a talent competition and for a short time joined an American band. England. He can attract good houses in variety here (I have seen them). I believe he could still do it if he said "I'm just Tony Brent from Box Hill."

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Duke's Yacht In Collision With Launch

Cowes, Aug. 4. The Duke of Edinburgh, at the helm of the yacht Bluebell, had to drop out 20 minutes after the start of his first race in the Cowes Regatta today.

Bluebell returned to her base under reduced sail. The jib was down and the forestay had been carried away.

It was believed the damage was caused through the yacht being involved in a collision with a motor launch.

The race was in the International Dragon Class of the Royal Yacht Squadron. Thirteen other yachts took part.

The Duke, who wore yellow oilskins, changed yachts to sail Coweslip in the next race. Reuter.



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"CAMBODGE"	Sailed	21 Aug. Yokohama
	21 July	20 Aug.
Homewards	Leaves	For
"VIETNAM"	Leaves Hongkong	Die Marseilles via Saigon
"CAMBODGE"	22 August	21 Sept. Saigon
	23 Aug.	20 Sept. Saigon

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"HARUADDD"	Hamburg-23 Aug.	8 Oct. Japan
Homewards	Leaves	For
"SILVERDANDAL"	Leaves	8 August
"MEKONG"	Kelung-19 August	20 August
"COURBILLES"	Kelung-4 October	5 October
"AURAY"	Kelung-22 Oct.	24 October

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New Lows In Tin & Rubber

Singapore, Aug. 4. Prices of tin and rubber hit a new "low" during the past week. Tin was at \$428.87 per picul (133 lbs) and rubber fell to 61 cents (Straits) per pound.

Both European and Chinese producers of tin moved during the week to support the proposal of a national buffer stock. Several big tin groups in Malaya told shareholders at a meeting that they strongly supported a recommendation to the Federal Government to ask for the convening of the United Nations commodity conference on tin which was adjourned in November 1950.

In the previous week, the All-Malaya Chinese Miners Association decided to recommend that the commodity conference be reconvened.

The conclusion of a Korean armistice brought out sellers in the rubber market last week which was rather unexpected as this event has been discounted for several weeks.

In the absence of buying support, this led to a weaker market in which prices sank to a new "low" of 61 cents per pound for the year.—United Press.

London Foreign Exchange

London, Aug. 4.
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Montreal 2.70 1/2
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Ibiza 10.87 1/2
Mallorca 10.87 1/2
Menorca 10.87 1/2
Formentera 10.87 1/2
Other islands 10.87 1/2
Others were unchanged.—United Press.

TESTS OF 'SYNTHETIC' RICE

Tokyo, Aug. 4. Synthetic rice which will supplement Japan's insufficient staple food supply is the subject of a Government decision to push its mass production.

The Agriculture-Forestry Ministry has instructed its experts to probe into the possibilities of artificial rice to meet the soaring black market rice prices, it was announced today.

Some local food manufacturers recently succeeded in producing "synthetic" rice, using wheat and flour which is boiled with hot water first, made into rice-shaped grains and dehydrated again.

Its taste is a bit inferior as compared with real rice, but its "feeding" and nutritional value is almost equal to that of real rice, experts said.

The invention has not reached a stage where mass production is possible, officials said.

Since starch and wheat and flour make up 65 to 70 per cent of the production cost of synthetic rice, it can be produced at about the same cost of real rice, provided that the Government maintains the price of the raw material at an adequate level.

A Government spokesman said that synthetic rice will be produced under the strict supervision of the Government to keep its quality uniform and its price reasonable.—France-Press.

JAPANESE BONDS

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 1953.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Dual Personality

It was the detective's day off. He was having tea in the lounge of a West End hotel, and thinking what a pleasant change it made to be sitting there listening to the genteel orchestra instead of spending the afternoon grappling with teen-age gunmen or shadowing suspected tourists for near-beer clubs.

The detective looked inquisitively at him. His day off ended at that instant.

For he saw, strolling through the lounge, a man he had helped to jail some years before.

The detective called a waitress, paid his bill and walked, without hurrying, through the lounge to the stairs up which the man whose face he recognised had disappeared.

THE PHONE CALL

HE reached into his memory for the name of his quarry. Al. That was it. Al who was a flat-breaker, a housebreaker and several other kinds of criminal.

The detective caught up with Al on the first floor of the hotel, and sheltered in a recess to watch Al try with a key a room door whose lock stubbornly refused to admit the key to any purpose.

Al gave up that door and slipped down to the telephone kiosks on a mezzanine floor. He made a five-minute call—of complaint, perhaps, to the key's manufacturer.

Then he returned to the first floor and tried his luck on another door. The key was no more co-operative than the coin.

THE SECOND FLOOR

THE detective watched him and then followed him up to the second floor, where the first-floor disappointment was repeated. After that Al appears to have lost heart, he stumped from the hotel, to change his skeleton-key maker, no doubt.

The detective followed him, and soon caught up.

"What were you doing in the hotel?" the detective asked.

"Oh, I was in the hotel? Just making a phone call, that's all."

"I'm going to arrest you," said the detective, "for being in a dwelling-house for unlawful purposes. Come along."

"I got a perfect answer," said Al and next morning at Bow Street before Sir Laurence Dunne, the chief magistrate, he pleaded not guilty.

THE ANSWER

THE story was told, and Al was answered to provide his perfect answer.

"All I can suggest," he said, "is this was a case of mistaken identity."

"I find this charge proved," said Sir Laurence.

Al's record was read out. He was aged 29, and had five previous convictions. Nothing said inclined you to feel much pity for him.

Then he asked if his sister might speak.

She told Sir Laurence that her brother had been "frantically" worried because their mother was under notice to quit her home, that he had gone straight since coming out of prison last.

Sir Laurence smiled at her and thanked her, and said: "I'm sorry, you know, I'm always sorry for families in cases like this, but..."

He ordered Al to be sent to a higher court for sentence. Al was shown out.

I saw the look he and his sister exchanged, and realised he was two people—to all people outside his family; a menace; to them, a cherished member of the family.

WALKED INTO MOVING CAR

A 32-year-old man, Yeow Kiu-ye, was slightly injured this morning when he walked into a private car on Queen's Road, near the Central Market.

The man was crossing the road, and did not see the car approach. He walked into it and injured his head slightly. He was taken to Queen Mary Hospital, and treated but not detained.

Arms Production Council

Tokyo, Aug. 5.

The Japanese Government is planning to establish immediately an "Arms Production Deliberation Council" in co-operation with civilian bodies concerned, Kyodo news agency reported today.

Official sources said that the Government already has embarked on the selection of some 30 Council members together with the Defence Production Committee of Education Organisation (Keizansan) and Arms Production Co-operation Association.

As Chairman of the projected Council, Mr. Kiyoshi Goto, head of the Keizansan's Defence Production Committee, is named.

An official estimate puts the number of arms makers in Japan including aircraft manufacturers at 200.

Of this figure, however, only a dozen companies have been turning out arms and ammunition for United States garrison forces in the country.

Small makers are operating as their contractors for US forces authorities.

In face of cut-throat competition for US orders, official sources pointed out, Japanese manufacturers are tending to contract for the production of arms for United States forces at considerably cut rates.

Accordingly, the Government is expected to eliminate such a trend in arms production, Kyodo added.—China Mail Special.

The Berlin Food War

(Continued from Page 1)

cast Russian marches to them and they were addressed by orators as they waited their turn.

He said the Government was still working out the details, such as what to put in the parcels and how to get them across the "Iron Curtain."

Up to last night 1,300,000 parcels, each containing the equivalent of just over eight shillings' worth of fats, sugar and other goods, had been distributed free to East Germans under the first operation.

Herr Thiedel said the West German Cabinet had also decided to renew its offer to the German authorities of 25-300,000 marks (about £2,000,000) worth of food against payment in West marks.

West Berlin Customs officials were today ordered to confiscate all food parcels originating from the German American food relief scheme from West Berliners returning from East to West Berlin. All West Berliners found in possession of such parcels are to be tried on charges of receiving stolen property.

This order was given to stop West Berlin unemployed and pensioners from going to the East Berlin redistribution centres to get parcels confiscated earlier from East Germans, West Berlin officials said. They added that 110,000 parcels were distributed to East Berliners during the day.

West Berlin Police headquarters announced tonight that two policemen were injured during the brawl with Communist demonstrators. They received slight face cuts and bruises.—Reuter.

Two Flying Records

Tampa, Florida, Aug. 4.

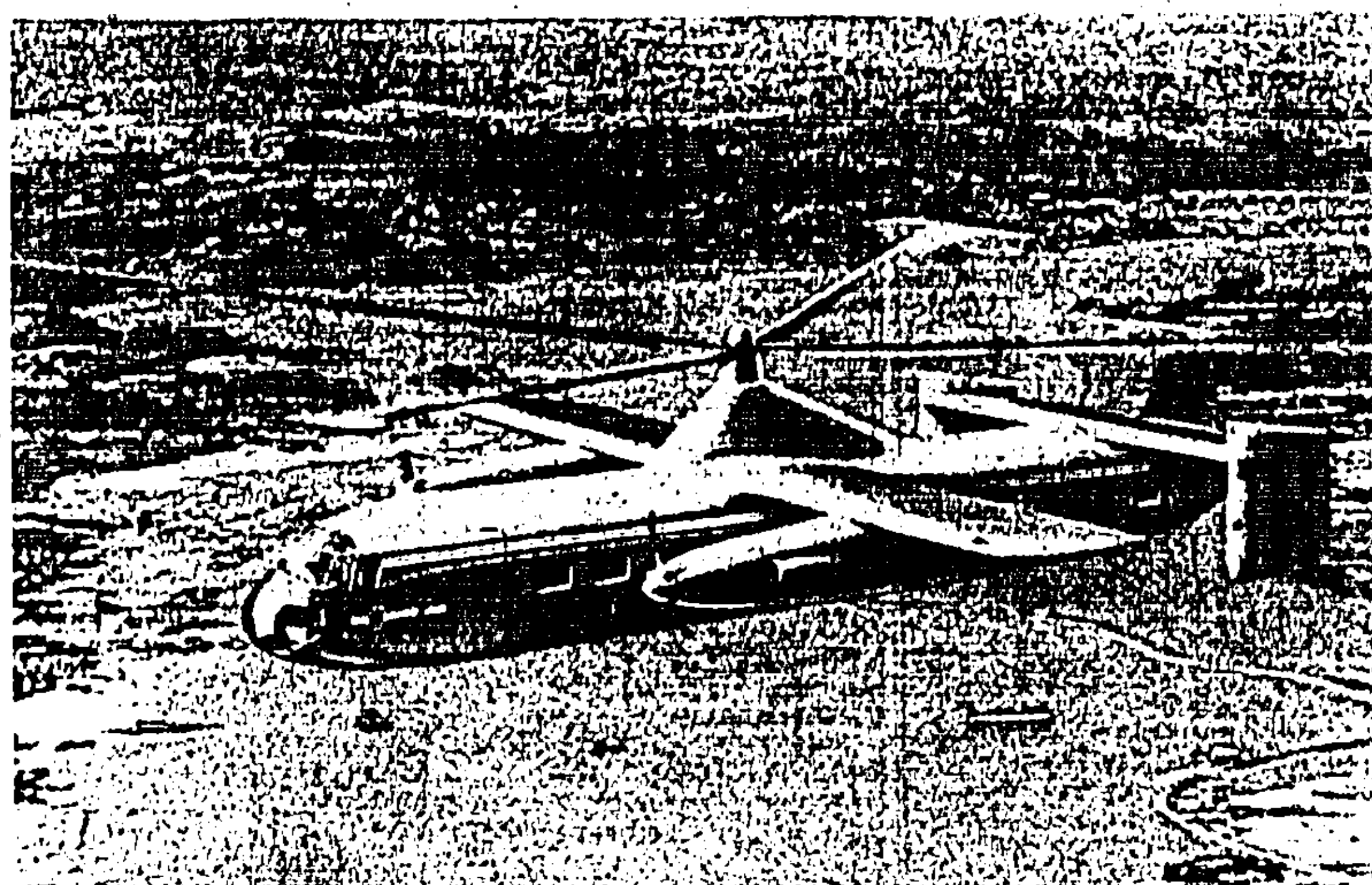
The United States Air Force tonight claimed two records for a six-jet Boeing B-47 bomber on a flight to England and back.

The Air Force said the plane, which arrived here tonight, completed the longest known jet flight on record in distance between points of take off and landing.

It took off from Fairford, England at 10 a.m. GMT to fly to and land here at 7.35 p.m. GMT, averaging a speed of 454 miles an hour for the 4,460-mile flight. It travelled off southern Ireland from a Boeing KC-97 tanker plane.

On the trip to England just over a week ago the Air Force said the same plane covered the 2,480 miles between Goose Bay, Labrador, and Fairford in the record-breaking time of four hours 14 minutes, deducting 13 minutes for the time taken in circling Fairford and landing. The Air Force said the average speed was 602 miles an hour.—Reuter.

A New Type Of Helicopter



An artist's impression of the "Rotodyne", a new design in helicopters that has won a British Ministry of Supply contract for the Fairey Aviation Company. Powered by two Napier Eland propeller-turbines, the machine will use the Fairey patented system of tip driven jet rotors. It has been designed around the power and size that could meet the requirements of B.E.A. for a large inter-city "Rotor-Coach". The machine—which will be a fifty seater—is designed to be the fastest helicopter in the world and will have wings, propellers, tailplanes, fins and even rudders.—London Express.

Committed For Trial

Committal proceedings against Lau Siu-lin, a young married woman charged with the murder of her two-year-old son, concluded before Mr. Poon Yan-hoi at the Central Magistracy this morning. She was committed for trial at the Supreme Court.

The defendant was charged with having murdered her son at about 10.30 a.m. on May 17 at her home at 124 Queen's Road Central. Sub-inspector G. W. Savage conducted the case for the Prosecution.

Six witnesses were heard this morning. Dr. Chen of Queen Mary Hospital, who the first. He testified that on the date of the alleged murder he had seen the defendant, who had been admitted to the hospital. She had been suffering from injuries consistent with a fall, including the fracture of her right forearm, a rib, and her skull.

Dr. T.C. Pang, a Police surgeon, testified that on the date of the alleged murder he saw the body of a two-year-old Chinese boy at the Victoria Public Mortuary. There were multiple injuries including external bruises and fractures, and internal injuries. He also testified that the lungs appeared bruised on the back, a state indicating the presence of breathitis.

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN

D. S. I. Morgan, of Eastern Police Station, testified that on the date of the alleged murder he went to the defendant's home, the site of the alleged murder. He took with him a Police photographer. He inspected the place and directed the photographer to take photographs of a stool and a pair of clogs which were standing on the edge of the verandah. Photographs were shown in Court. He then went to the mortuary and saw the body of the baby alleged to have been murdered, of which photographs were also taken. Later, on June 5, he visited Lau Siu-lin, the alleged murderess, and took her from the Observation Ward of the hospital where she had recovered from her injuries, to Eastern Police Station.

There, the next witness, Eastern Police Interpreter Tam Wai-hin testified, she had been cautioned, and had made a statement in the Punli dialect which he took down in English and Punli. The statement was read to her and she signed it with a cross.

The statement was then read in Court, to which the objector, She had not known what she had been saying at the time, she alleged, and her mind had not been clear. The objection was overruled.

Mr. Leys, the Divisional Superintendent of Eastern Police Station, then testified that he had counter-signed the statement.

The last witness was the Police Prosecutor, D.S.I. Scragge, who testified that he had gone to the defendant's home on the date of the alleged murder with D.S.I. Morgan, seen the photographs taken of the verandah and the stool and clogs beside the verandah wall, and gone to the Eastern Police Station where he had

What Rhee Told Dulles

Seoul, Aug. 5.

President Syngman Rhee told Mr. John Foster Dulles today that Korea would insist on a peace conference stand which would insure the sovereignty of the Republic, reliable sources told the United Press.

The stubborn Korean President, the American Secretary of State and his top advisers met at Dr. Rhee's official mansion at 10 a.m. today in the first of their sessions to formulate a common front policy for the forthcoming political conference.

Reliable sources said Dr. Rhee was extremely friendly at the initial meeting and expressed the hope—as did Mr. Dulles—that the conversations would lead to a satisfactory and lasting peace.

However, these sources said President Rhee emphasized that his war-torn nation was not prepared to compromise on its basic principles.

The sources said Mr. Dulles assured him the United States would consult with him at every step along the way to be sure the Koreans and the Allies were in harmony as much as possible.

Now 57, Mr. Rhee's delegation attended the first meeting. The party included Mr. Dulles, the United States Army Secretary, the US delegate to the United Nations (Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge), the Assistant Secretary of State (Mr. Walter Robertson), and Carl McCord, the US Ambassador to Korea, and their subordinates.

Executioner Resigns

New York, Aug. 4.

Mr. Joseph Francell has resigned from America's grimest job—official executioner for Sing Sing prison—after 14 years during which he handled more than 230 executions.

He gave no reason, but prison attendants said he was tired of threats against his life and also felt the standard fee of \$150 (\$253) an execution was too low.

Mr. Francell sent 137 people to their deaths at Sing Sing and about 100 others in neighbouring eastern states.

Mr. Francell pulled the switch in June on atom spies, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

Mrs. Rosenberg was the third woman he had executed. She was 57. Mr. Francell was the fifth executioner in the 62-year history of Sing Sing's electric chair. One died a hermit and another committed suicide.—China Mail Special.

Gao And Cane For Three Men

Three young men, Hui Kwai-ting, alias Hui Chow, Yip Ting, alias Yip Hung, and Leung Kam-yau were sentenced to gaol terms and strokes of the cane by Judge W. A. Blair-Kerr in the Victoria District Court this morning on charges of assault with intent to rob and possession of arms.

First accused was sentenced to five years' hard labour and 18 strokes of the cane, while second and third accused each received three years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane.

Two other men, Cheung Shek, represented by Mr. W. H. Young, and Wong Choi, represented by Mr. Y. H. Chan, who were charged with the others on the assault with intent to rob, were found not guilty and discharged.

The accused were all arrested following an incident in a Kowloon street in June last.

Chief Insp. W. Eggleston pointed out on behalf of Crown Counsel.

Tax Driver Assaulted

A taxi-driver from the Sing Hang Company was assaulted and robbed of his wrist watch by two European passengers in the early hours of this morning near Tai Lum Chung, while on the way to the New Territories from Kowloon.

The passengers after assaulting the driver made their escape in the taxi. The driver reported the incident to a nearby Police Station, and was taken to hospital for treatment.

An earlier report that he was shot dead was denied by the Police this morning.

No suspects have been arrested so far and the taxi has still not been located.

Radio Hongkong

11:15 p.m. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.30, Echoes from the Theatre; 6.30, BBC Bandstand—Band of the Boots Guards; 6.30, The Major's Blues; 6.30, (BBC) 7, Lucky Dip—Variety requests presented by Margherita (Studio); 7.30, Weather Report; 8, Time Signal, World News and News Talk (London Relay); 8.15, Letter from America by Alastair Cooke (London Relay recorded); 8.30, Orchestra of the Week—Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra; 9, Piano Recital by Irene Yuen (Concert Hall); 9.15, "The Mystery of the Empty Ship" by Laurence Olivier (BBC); 9.30, Based on the novel "The Wreckers" by Robert Louis Stevenson and Lloyd Osbourne (Part 1); 10.15, The Queen's Birthday; 10.30, One Night Stand—Gordon Jenkins and his Orch. (with vocal); 10.30, Weather Report; 11, Radio News Reel (London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music; God Save The Queen; 11.30, Close Down.

Distillery Manager's Evidence At Intent To Murder Trial

Evidence that complainant and accused were on good terms was given by Yeung Chi-wo, manager of the Sui Fung Distillery at the resumed hearing of the trial of Ngai Yuk-kwan, 35, proprietor of a dancing school on charges of wounding with intent to murder and robbery with violence before the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr Justice T. J. Gould in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The witness said that the accused, who was the assistant manager of the Distillery was dismissed by him in December, 1950, on the instructions of Ng Fook-cheung, accused's father-in-law, who was a major partner of the firm.

The complainant, Yeung Kwong-kai, who took up the position vacated by the accused, was stated yesterday by his doctor to be critically ill and unable to attend Court. His deposition was read to the Court during the course of the trial yesterday.

Accused is charged with wounding Yeung Kwong-kai with intent to murder on April 13, 1953. He is alternatively charged with unlawfully and maliciously wounding complainant with intent to do him grievous bodily harm on the same date.

Accused is additionally charged with robbing complainant, with violence, of \$502.50 on the same date. Alternatively he faces a charge of larceny contrary to section 4 of the Larceny Ordinance.

Conducting the case for the Prosecution is Mr. D. N. E. Rea, Crown Counsel. Accused is defended by Mr. Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr. A. el Arculli.

A Jury of five men and two women has been empanelled.

Yeung Chi-wo, manager of the Distillery said that accused was employed by him in December, 1949, on the introduction of accused's father-in-law, as his assistant. He was receiving \$500 a month and his duties were to be in charge of finance during his (witness's) absence.

Accused was dismissed in December, 1950, but was allowed to retain his quarters in the distillery. He loaned accused sums of money from time to time after his dismissal, witness said.

ON GOOD TERMS

"Complainant and defendant are on good terms," Yeung said, in answer to a question by the Prosecution.

Witness said that he was responsible for the allocation of quarters and in October, 1952, he gave instructions to complainant to ask accused to vacate. He also instructed his solicitors on the same date to give notice to accused.

Accused however did not move out, witness continued, because of financial difficulties and he (witness) allowed him to remain on the premises.

Cross-examined by Mr. Yu, witness said that he was a partner in the Distillery up to 1949. He owned 25 per cent of the shares. He was no longer a partner, having withdrawn his capital from the Distillery office because of the political situation there. All the partners were in Tientsin.

Witness agreed that the Distillery had been losing money since 1951. He further agreed that the firm began to lose money after accused ceased to be employed there.

The IOUs produced were personal loans to the accused, witness said. The advances were made on the guarantee of accused's father-in-law.

HAIR RUFFLED

Earlier in the proceedings this morning, Tang Wing, a fook of the Distillery in evidence said that on the morning of April 13 he together with the firm's sub-manager went to accused's room. In answer to their knock the door was opened and accused came out. His hair was ruffled and in answer to their enquiry said he was the master. Accused then left.

Looking inside the room, witness said he saw complainant standing near the door of an inner room. He heard him say, "Catch him" as complainant pointed a finger in the direction of accused.

In cross-examination, witness told Mr. Yu that his job was generally that of a cleaning girl. He did other odd jobs as well.

Witness said that an area outside accused's quarters had been enclosed by a fence which had been taken down long before the alleged incident occurred. The enclosure was then used to

store trunks which, witness said, were still there.

He was aware accused's trunks were also stored there. They were still there, he added. To his knowledge no trunks had been removed from the enclosure. He himself never helped to remove any of them the day before the alleged incident.

He had been in the employ of the Distillery for five years. He was in fact employed by the accused. Asked if he had any reason to dislike accused, witness replied in the negative.

Corroborative evidence of proceeding to the accused's room with the last witness and the sub-manager was given by another fook, Ho Wing-chi, who told the Defence Counsel that he did not know of any reason why accused should attack complainant.

Witness said he remembered removing the wooden fence outside accused's room the day before the alleged incident. The trunks in the enclosure were also moved and the last witness, he remembered, was among the fooks who helped in the removal.

CHANGES ANSWER

Witness told the Prosecution in re-examination that the removal of the trunks might have taken place several months before the alleged incident.

Asked by the Court what he meant when he told Defence Counsel that he remembered removing the wooden fence a day before the alleged incident, witness said it was not so. It might have been several months before.

The Court: Then why did you say it was the day before? Did you not appreciate the question? Did you not realise that you said it was taken away the day before?

Witness made no answer and the next witness was called.

Cheung Chak, workman employed in the Distillery, said on the morning of April 13 he heard shouts of "Save Life!" in the voice of the complainant. He proceeded to the accused's quarters and saw accused leave the room.

Hearing is proceeding.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m. BOAC.
 Japan, 6 p.m. BOAC.
 Macao, 9 a.m.; 6 p.m. m Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
 Ceylon, Aden, Middle East, France, Great Britain and Europe, 5 p.m. m Lee Hong/Tak Shing.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

Formosa, 1 p.m. via CAT.
 Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. (San Francisco), 1.30 p.m. PAA.
 Philippines, North Borneo, 6 p.m. CPA.
 Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m. CPA/BOAC.
 Formosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m. JKA/NWAL.

By Surface
 Macao, 9 a.m.; 6 p.m. m Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
 China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m. train.
 Formosa, 9 a.m. m Wing Sang.
 N. Borneo, 6 a.m. m New Sang.
 Philippines, Japan, Korea, S. Korea, 1 p.m. m Fernfield.
 Japan, 1 p.m. m August 9.

By Air
 Siam, Burma, 9 a.m. via TAC.
 India, Ceylon, France, French North & West Africa, 6 p.m. Air Vietnam.
 Formosa, Japan, Korea, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m. AIRTEL.
 Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 6 p.m. Air Vietnam.
 North Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m. GEA.
 Siam, India, Pakistan, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m. BOAC.
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